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NDER THE AUSPICES OF MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

UDGE WILLIAM R. HAMMOND SPEAKS

hite Man's Best Interests Lie In the Cultivation of Friendly Relations with the Negro--Justice and Fairness Must Be.

We have noted a strong tendency the race to make much over what ien say of it that savors of praise. is something every one likes; yet ll praise is just as harmful as all buse under certain conditions. raise makes for indifference and coneit and especially so with those of impler minds. Children would perh of praise were their total "food." he plants would perish if the sun evr beamed on them. The storm and tress are needed in either event—e shade, the chill as well as the un, are in the making. On the whole e are a child race, one above all thers standing in need of wholesome dvice and counsel. The greatest inds of the world have ever been inerested in the causes and effects lead to the utmost civilization; have pent their lives in investigation of hem for the benefit of the coming enerations; as a means of guidance, s well as a matter of recorded hisry.

In pursuing what has been written hat truthfully reflects the past, it ill be seen that "world" changes re slow indeed, when measured in he way man usually measures time, ut very short when measured by ime duration." Thus when we unuly chafe of the "unlenient" years, is because we have but little knowldge of the laws—the higher laws—oul laws and mind laws, that bend o unwillingly at times to written ws.

In this chafing, we are often as the aged birds that beat their wings gainst its bars and simply to bruise hem. In our case, great freedom may e postponed, but it is writ plain nough that it will not be defeated if e float with the current rather than gainst it, abiding the time, improvg the time, until strong enough for ny emergency. The disposition will ring the needed support, which can ot come of any imaginative self-sufficiency. The very freedom enjoyed ame by no such means—we should hink about it. In an industrial way, a commercial way, we have nothg to complain of; the situation is bsolutely in our keeping. No other eople are so blessed.

Along this line we can not refrain dding something of what was recenty said by Judge William R. Hamond n the educational meeting at the People's Tabernacle recently held in Atanta, Ga. The meeting was held uner the auspices of the Morris Brown College, a well known Negro institution. A member of distinguished white men addressed the convention. Among whom were also Dr. W. W. Landrum, Rev. S. R. Belk and Alderan Quillian, all of whom had somehing to say which may well be interreted as an indication that they were nterested in the prosperity and wellare of the Negro race. But it is of Judge Hammond we wish to speak. n fact, what he had to say should e printed and circulated, since it is vident he voices the heart of the South, and it is there where salvaion must be worked out. What those hat hold the destiny of the Negroes n their hands have to say, is of far more importance than the sentiments f the casual observer. What are he conditions to be met? is the quesion. Following is in part, what Judge Hammond so aptly said on the occaion:

"The question of the well being of he Negro in this southern part of the United States is one of vital imporance, not alone to the Negro, but to he white man as well. If the civiliation of this country shall progress n such a way as to inflict serious rong upon the Negro, it is not the Negro alone who will suffer, but his uffering will be shared by the whole eople of this section of our common and in which he is so large and imortant a factor.

"If this is true, then it behooves the hite man to bestir himself actively n his efforts to seek to know what is best for all sections and classes of our common country, and to take heed that he does not neglect one section or class to its detriment, or even to devote himselm so exclusively to the advancement of one class as to cause the other to suffer for lack of a due share of his thought and consideration. No truth of sociology is better understood than that if injury accrued to any of the social organism, no part can escape suffering as a consequence.

"Looked at from the standpoint of self-interest then, the white man must know,a nd will see more and more clearly as time goes by, that his own best interest lies in the cultivation of friendly relations with the Negro.

"In this way the strong and impelling motives of dutya nd self-interest become united and are made to work together for the accomplishment of the end which every good man earnestly desires to see, the regeneration and uplifting of the black man, and the placing of his feet upon a high plane of honorable and useful manhood, the true goal of every patriotic and God-fearing philanthropist. To bring the self-seeking element of the white race to the recognition of the truth that duty and self-interest are coincident the one with the other, and that by hte performance of a high duty he may secure a material benefit, should be one of the principal aims of those who seek to find a solution of the vexing question which we call the race problem of the South.

"The first duty of the white man is to trust the Negro with absolute fairness and justice. We seldom stop to think that the Negro is absolutely in the hands of the white man. If he has a difference with one of his own color in reference to a matter of property right or civil liability he must seek to enforce of defend it before a tribunal composed entirely of white men. If he is charged with a crime for which his life must pay the forfeit he is denied the right to go before a tribunal of his own color for trial. I do not speak of these things for the purpose of raising any question as to whether they should be this way or not, but simply for the purpose of stating a fact and calling attention to the duty and responsibility of the white man growing out of that fact. Therefore, I say, there should be a scrupulousness on the part of the white man, not only to see that he gets justice and has fair play, but to make it appear to him that such is the case.

"The white man owes ot the Negro not only the negative duty of not doing him any harm, and of seeing that he gets justice before the tribunals of the country, but the positive duty of advising him and counseling him about the important affairs of his everyday life. The Negro has much need of the help that the white man can give him in this way. We seldom stop to consider how much advantage the white man has over the Negro in regard to the great moral and social questions that are constantly pushing themselves to the front and demanding practical solution at the hands of the men of all classes, grades and conditions.

"It is often the case that the white man fails to exercise the virtue of patience towards the Negro. Oftentimes he does not properly take into consideration his lack of knowledge and proper appreciation of what seem to him simple and fundamental truths and principles. It is often the case that the untutored mind fails at a vital point for the lack of knowledge. Patient instruction in the underlying principles of ethical truth will not only open the eyes of the person who receives it, but will oftentimes turn his feet into the right path.

"We come then at last to the question of the duty of the Negro himself. What can he do to work out his own salvation? For, after all, he must do this great work for himself. Sympathetic friends may help him, and ought to do so, and this always means a great deal to any man, but however much these may do, they can not render the substantial, effective help that is going to accomplish results. The command to work out our own salvation applies to every human being under the sun, and to every race and nationality that God has created on the face of the earth. The man that will not work to this end with an intelligent purpose is foreordained to go down in the conflict, and the same thing is true of the different races of menu, the members of which are organically united together by those bonds which God himself has established in their very structure and constitution. The black race is no exception to this universal law. God has a place for this race in the civilization of the future, but there is nothing more certain than that this place may be forfeited if those for whom it is designed fail to perform the conditions on which the successful occupation of it depends.

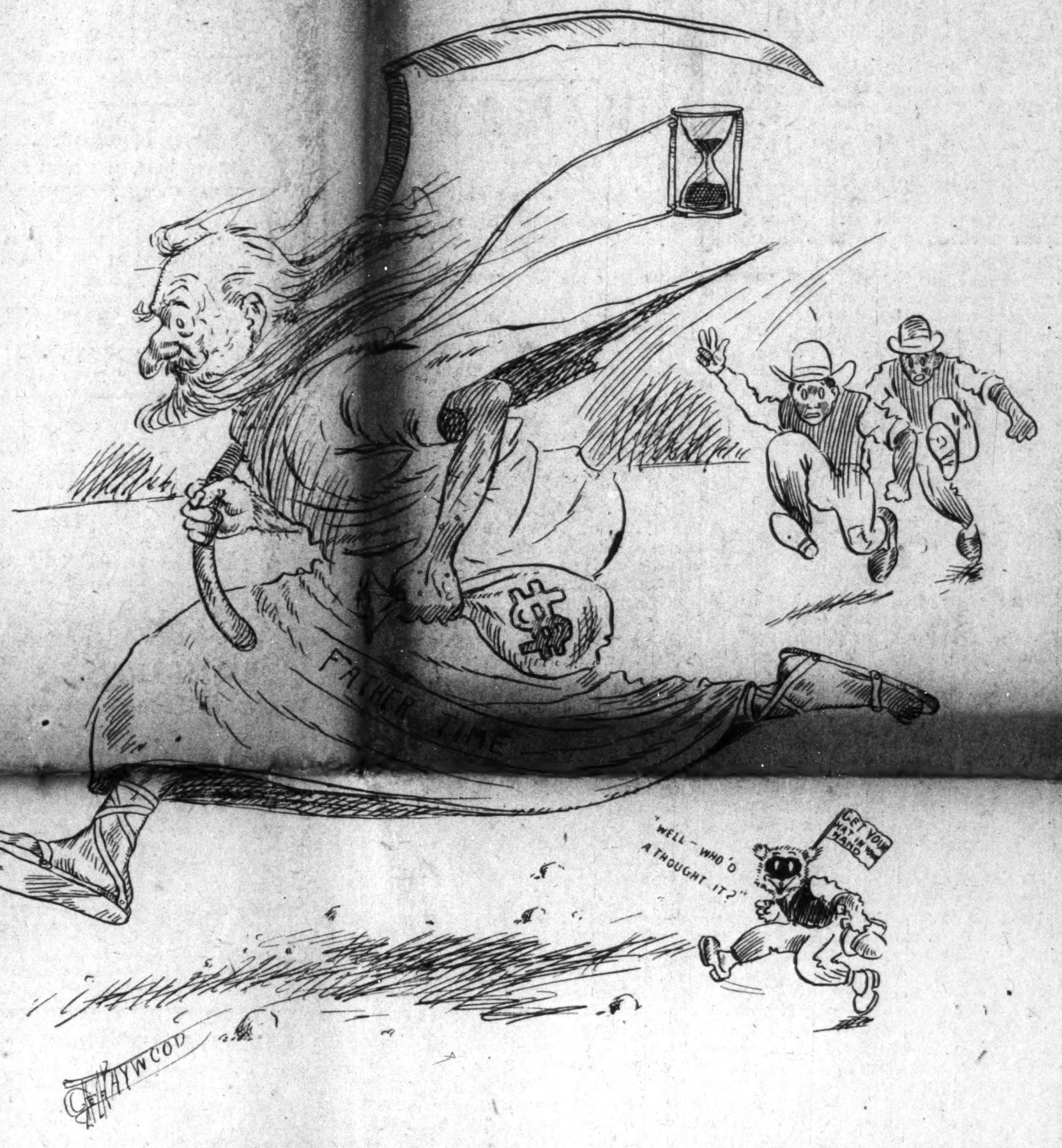
"The first duty of the Negro is to find out the right attitude which he must assume toward the white race. He must, in a sensible way, recognize existing conditions, and then he must with unfailing good sense adjust himself to those conditions. This process is preliminary to everything else, and is absolutely essential before any progress can be made. I do not overlook the duty of the white man at this point, but I want to impress the idea that the Negro's duty is not secondary to that of the white man, or in any sense dependent on it.

"The great business of every man in this world is to make himself useful, and no man can possibly go far wrong who busies himself in an occupation that Produces useful results. This thought should be uppermost in every man's mind continually. And the time is so short in which he can fulfill that great mission of life that he literally has not time to divert his energies into other channels than these. A sense of wrong may be just, so far as its application to the wrongdoers is concerned, but it is a serious injury to the one who indulges it and harbors it in his breast. It develops friction that makes all his energies go up in smoke and that effectually stops the wheels of progress.

"Has the Negro any grudge against the white man? Is he haroring any grievance in his breast against him? Does he cherisha nd nourish in his bosom a sense of wrong and injustice? Mind you, I am not excusing the white man for giving him cause for such feelings. On the contrary, I condemn him in unqualified terms. But what I say, now and here, is that the Negro can not afford to undertake the task of correcting the white man in this regard. If the Negro is cherishing a grudge or a grievance against the white man he must get rid of it in some way. My position, about which I wish to make myself exceedingly clear, is that, right or wrong, the Negro can not afford to undertake the task of correcting the white man and of coercing him into a right method of treatment and conduct in this regard. It is simply a waste of energy that might be employed to much better advantage in another direction.

"I have said this much in regard to the attitude of the Negro toward the white man, but there is something equally as important as that, if not more so, and that is his attitude toward the general civilization and progress of the time in which he lives. This means the development of those qualities which will make him a factor in the world's civilization, and in the combined progress of the races of men on the face of the earth. These qualities are not new or far to seek. They are the old and tried qualities of honestya nd fidelity. Teach these things to those who are under you for instruction. They are not unworthy of your very best and highest endeavor. Oh, how the world does love a faithful man! Men delight to honor him, whether he is high or low, white or black. No matter about these things. If he is faithful and true he receives the highest honor that men can bestow upon him. Teach it and preach it everywhere. Honesty and fidelity! Eeach it to the fathers and mothers and teach it, and teach it again, to the children. Make the message plain, and give the place of transcendant importance in all your course in instruction. Honesty and fidelity! It is the one thing that gives character to an individual and to a people. Let your people become distinguished for this as a race characteristic, and you will need no prophet to tell you where you will stand in the estimation of the world. Be jealous of your character in this regard. Do not let men say that the Negro is unreliable. Do not let them say that he will, under any circumstances, dodge his contact or shuffle out of an obligation. If I could leave only one thing with you to-day it would be the thought of the transcendant importance of this great truth. Take it; hug it to your bosoms; talk about it; drill it into the minds of your young men and your older ones. Set it before you as an ideal for attainment as a race chaarcteristic. Let it be said by all men that the Negro is honest and faithful in all his dealings with everybody, and when that the day of his redemption and of his glorious exaltation has come, and that his sun has risen never to set again."

TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN.



To Lose Time is to Lose Money.---Keep a Going.

EAGER FOR NEGRO COLLEGE.

Taft and Boley, Okla., Want School for Negroes.

The recent destruction of the main building of the Negro Agricultural and Normal University at Langston, Okla., has caused two towns in the eastern part of the State to get busy in an effort to secure the removal of the institution. Taft and Boley are the new candidates for the school.

The Langston school was started by the Territory of Oklahoma several years ago, partially through the efforts of E. P. McCabe, the Negro Deputy Auditor of the Territory. A town of 2,000 inhabitants, all Negroes, has grown up around the school, which has a good equipment in the way of buildings and apparatus.

The two East Side towns which want the institution both have Negro schools of more than local reputation. At Taft is the Halechee Negro Industrial School patterned after Booker T. Washington's school at Tuskegee, and with a Tuskegee graduate, Warren E. Glenn, at its head. The school will ask a small appropriation from the State to assist in its work, if it is unsuccessful in its efforts to be made a State school. Boley has a Creek-Seminole College, also an industrial school, whose buildings were all erected by the Negro students.

Clemency Granted Negroes.

Governor Patterson recently commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of two McMinn county, Tenn., Negroes, Dave Sherman and Bob Henderson, who were convicted, along with another Negro, for the murder of a white man named Elisha Hicks. The Negroes were to have been hanged on January 28. The reason for the commutation is a confession by the Negro who was hanged, just before he went on the gallows, in which he admitted that Sherman and Henderson had no part in the killing; that he did it himself, and that the Negroes only assisted him to carry the body to the railroad track after the murder had occurred, and that they did this under cover of a gun which he himself carried.

THOMPSON'S REVIEW

CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP MAKING PREPARATIONS

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT NORFOLK

President's Message Creates Big Sensation--Report on Brownsville Affair Probably Held Back Convention at Manilla.

(Staff Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The A. M. E. General Conference at Norfolk, comes on apace, and the candidates are girding up their loins for the closing battles of the long and eventful quadrennium. The annual conferences have nearly all been held, and the delegates have been chosen, so the relative strength of the aspirants is gradually approaching a stage when estimates can be made with some degree of safety. It is conceded that four siBhops will be elected for the home field, with one for the work in Africa. Many names will receive consideration—some as a means of securing vantage ground for the future,a nd quite a number who expect to "land" this year. Four men who are deemed as being directly in the path of Bishopric "lightning" are Drs. E. W. Lampton, H. B. Parks, J. M. Conner and L. H. Reynolds, and their friends are leaving no stone unturned in theid determined efforts to invest them with the robes of Episcicopal premiership. Yet, the ballots are not counted, and in the "breakup" following the election of the first two, no one can tell what may happen. Dr. J. A. Jones, of Wilberforce University, has a host of friends, and Drs. T. N. M. Smith, J. S. Flipper, D. P. Roberts, T. W. Henderson, W. D. Chappelle, and J. M. Townsend are in the running, with well-defined hopes. For Africa, Dr. W. H. Heard comes forward with a record of four years as Minister to Liberia, which gives him the advantage of an acquaintance with African conditions, and a demonstrated ability to withstand the dangerous African fever. Dr. Heard will be a strong factor in the race, although a few months ago Dr. J. Albert Johnson seemed to be the only aspirant seriously considered by the church. Ira T. Bryant is far in the lead for Secretary of the Sunday-School Union, and his election is regarded by the wise acres as a foregone conclusion. The church is realizing the value of placing experienced business men in the purely administrative offices and after a careful survey of Mr. Bryant's peculiar palifications, there is a disposition to give him a chance to show what can be done to bring the A. M. E. Nashville publishing house somewhere within hailing distance at least, of the great Baptist printery, with which it has been compared, much to the disadvantage of Methodist enterprise. Dr. A. L. Gaines, of Philadelphia, will most likely be chosen as editir of the Christian Recorder, and Prof. Kealing, Dr. Collett, Dr. Watson, Prof. Hawkins, Dr. G. W. Allen, and others, will doubtless be retained in their present positions, where they have given eminent satisfaction. The financial secretaryship is in considerable fog, but unless the situation alters, Dr. John Hurst may win out; yet, it is said that certain men now mentioned for Bishop, would not decline the place as a consolation prize, and if Hrust does not get it, a "dark horse" stands an excellent chance. Tidewater, Va., according to Dr. S. S. Morris, secretary of the Local Conference, will make a tremendous fight for the election of Dr. Reynolds to the Bishopric, and Dr. Gaines for the Christian Recorder, as their periods of service as pastors in that populous center, have made them reigning favorites with the people. The General Conference will be the best that has been held up to this time, and will include twelve Bishops, twelve general officers, nine college presidents, three hundred and fifty ministers, one hundred and thirty laymen, hailing from every section of the United States, Canada, the West Indies and Africa. Dr. Morris states that the General Conference has appropriated $6,000 for its direct expenses, but adding to this amount, the money expended by the individual delagates and the many visitors that will be attracted to Norfolk, during the

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

The Sum.

A little dreaming by the way,
  A little toiling day by day,
A little pain, a little strife,
  A little joy—and that is life.

A short-lived, fleeting Summer's morn,
  When happiness seems newly born,
When one day's sky is blue above;
  And one bird sings—and that is love.

A little wearying of the years,
  The tribute of a few hot tears,
Two folded hands, the fainting breath,
  And peace at last—and that is death.

Just dreaming, loving, dying so,
  The actors in the drama go;
A fitting picture on a wall,
  Love, death, the theme! But is it all?

—Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Doing is the great thing. For if resolutely people do what is right, in time they come to like doing it.

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A man that st that studyeth revenge, keepeth his own wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well.

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The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.

JULIA HOWE SPEAKS.

At Eighty-Eight She Appears Before Committee on Suffrage.

Boston (Special).—There was long-continued applause when Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who is eighty-eight years old, entered Room 240, the largest committeeroom of the State House. The coldest day of the winter did not deter her from leaving her home to be numbered among those who stand for equal rights for men and women.

Mrs. Howe was the first speaker in the hearing for the suffragists. She said, in part:

"The religion which makes me a moral agent equally with my father and brother gives me my right and title to the citizenship which I am here to assert. I ought to have equally with them its privileges and its duties.

"No man can have more at stake in the community than I have. Imposition of taxes, laws concerning public health, order and morality affect me precisely as they affect the male members of my family, and I am bound equally with them to the maintenance of a worthy and proper standard and status in all of these departments.

"With equal moral and mental capacity we now have education equal to that enjoyed by men. Where is the deficit, where the deficiency which bars our way to the full exercise of our social and political efficiency?"

PLANS FOR NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Philadelphia (Special).—Plans and details of the National Congress of Mothers, which will be held in Washington next fonth, are being discussed by its executive committee in session here. Speaking of the congress, Mrs. Frederic Schoff, one of its most active spirits, said: "We want not only the women, but the men who are interested in children, to participate in this congress. This congress will agitate questions that will undoubtedly stand for the better citizenship of all the people of the world.

"President Roosevelt is using his efforts to advance the cause. He said to me in a recent interview that he thought the National Congress of Mothers was approaching the question of our modern municipal corruption and vice in the best way by organizing a radical preventive of evil in the training of children to be upright citizens. 'Train the children aright,' he said to me, 'and you will come nearer an ideal state than through any other means.'

"President Roosevelt is to speak to us at the White House on March 10. Mrs. Roosevelt has signified her interest in the congress by paying up the full dues of life membership."

FINDS MORAL DUTY IN WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

"It is not only the right but the duty of every woman in the United States to vote and express her views," asserted Miss Laura E. Gregg, a national speaker on the suffrage question recently, when she spoke at the All Souls Unitarian Church on "The Religious Side of Woman's Suffrage."

"As was the case with all other republics, when this National was founded, it was prophesied by monarchies that it would exist only a limited time and then go the way of republics of the past. It is therefore imperative that we find the decay and apply the remedy. That remedy is the introduction of the great intellectual and moral forces into the life of the Nation.

"In either case, th edecision must be given to the feminine, or, as it is sometimes called, the 'emotional' sex. So much has the commercial spirit occupied the men and boys of our Nation that there are three girls turned out of our schools for each boy.

"Simultaneously there is a large population coming to America from the slums of the foreign lands annually, and the great majority can not even read or write their own language, let alone ours.

"The dropping out of the boys from our schools and the condition of the immigrants to American expose the startling fact there are more educated women in theh country than men, and if voting is to be based upon the ability to read and write, then, too, more women would vote than men.

Women as Leaders.

"On the other hand, one must confess that the preponderance of the moral force is on the side of the woman. More than two-thirds of the membership of churches is of women and more than nine-tenths of the inmates of penitentiaries are men, women are the leaders in the altruistic movements of the Nation, and the infusion of an adverse moral force into the national life of republics has made them weak and caused them to fall in the past.

"Women will vote and always have voted where they are granted the privilege. There are 40,000 more men than women in Colorado and yet 43 per cent. of the vote is cast by women, and in the last elections, when normal issues have been at stake, the vote of the women has been respectively 51 and 5 2per cent. More than 85 per cent. of all the women in Colorado vote.

"It has been charged that women become excited, shed tears, go into hysterics and suffer nervous prostration as a result of politics. It has even been said that the woman in politics would produce discord in the home and cause quarrels between the husband and wife. Yet in Wyoming there are fewer women in the insane asylums, fewer women in the hospitals, better moral conditions and fewer divorces than in any other state in the Union."

THE KITCHEN AND THINGS TO EAT.

Many a woman does not know this little secret of cooking economically until the agent of the gas stove comes around to show her. When using the oven place the vegetables in their vessels of water in the oven,a nd thus cook, roast and all without heating up the top of the stove. By merely using the oven burners the entire dinner can be cooked in an hour or a trifle more, with much less expenditure of gas than is necessitated by turning on and off the burners to cool things on top the stove.

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If people would eat more onions the population would be a great deal healthier, says a writen. Why are we bilious? Because we don't eat onions. You never say a dyspeptic man eating onions. He thinks they are poison, but, in fact, they are the medicine that he most needs. Whenever you see an onion eater you see a whole-souled, open-hearted, jolly good fellow, who knows what he ought to eat to keep him good-humored. Talk about the staff of life—why, bread is only a crutch. There is more nourishment in an onion than there is in a roll.

ABOUT THINGS TO WEAR.

And now the filet lace veil! Was there ever such a craze for weave before?

The newest motor veil is a huge model of filet net, bordered with satin ribbon often two inches wide and the entire surface marked off into squares with inch-wide satin ribbon.

A prettier motor veil that is equally modish is of ring dotted net—another fafbric much in favor at present—hemmed quite deeply with cream mousseline de sole. In chiffon veils the newest show Persian borders, the background in white, black, green, brown and navy.

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A new departure in the making of underslips to wear under children's lingerie dresses is seen in the employment of warp prints.

Persian and pompadour designs are both much used where warmth is desired, or the underslip can be made of satin of a soft weave. The new French patterns in which the materials are shown are very artistic and original in treatment, and are sufficiently decided to make them adaptable for the requirement of the color tone necessary in an underslip.

WOMEN MAY SMOKE AT WILL.

Women may smoke as much as they please in New York City. Mayor McClellan has vetoed the ordinance, which prohibits managers and owners of public cafes from allowing women to smoke them. The Negro takes the ground that the Board of Aldermen has exceeded its powers in passing the ordinance, and says he knows of no provision of low which gives the board power to enact such an ordinance.

THE FUNNY STORY CURE.

"Having vainly tried many and various remedies to restore to health a business man whom I know and who had fallen into a morbid condition owing to years of overwork, a famous Baltimore physician at last persuaded his patient to take a course of funny stories one at each meal, with an extra two at dinner," said William B. Parker of the Maryland metropolis. "The patient, a solemn and gloomy fellow, at first rebelled, but finally falling in with the idea adopted the course recommended and was in the end restored to health, the effect of laughter being entirely to change his mental and bodily condition.

"Laughter, in fact, is one of the cheapest and most effective of medicines, breaking up stagnation of mind and body and sending a healthy vibration through one's system. There is very little the matter with the man who can enjoy a hearty laugh."

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS.

Keep your head cool, your feet warm, your mind busy. Don't worry over trifles. Plan your work ahead, then stick to it, rain or shine. Don't waste sympathy of yourself. If you are a gem some one will find you.

TWICE IN LIFE.

Most men go to church at least twice in their lives. Once when they are baptized and once when they are married. The first time they are carried in. The second time they are dragged in.—The Cincinnati Star Times.

DRESS FOR THE ELDERLY.

Many elderly women, and some of those who have only reached middle age, regard the wearing of black as necessary. Yet never was there a greater mistake, for black is only becoming to fresh young faces, rosy cheeks and golden hair, and colors are far more kind to elderly women. Not that middle-aged matrons should adopt the bright and vivid shades, for the contrast these afford would be even more cruel than black. Rather should they choose greens, ecrues and the like, and pastel shades for evening.

A LETTER FROM WANDERER

Many Thrifty and Energetic Negroes in Georgia.

Special to The Freeman:

Whisky has been driven out of Georgia and yet we live. Fifty homes will be bought by Negroes for every saloon closed in the State. The police forces in several towns have been reduced and those left on the forces, in some cases, are working for reduced pay. The Police Court mills are on half time and no one is more to the good than the Negro. He has lost less in a business way and gained more in a moral way than the other race. Now the jug trade will show who keeps up the whisky traffic.

We note with pleasure the interest you take in the Oak settlement. That is the thing. One home bought is better than ten speeches on the race problem or one hundred highly colored political orations. Settle down to something. Buy and own something. No community will do much to improve a fellow's condition unless that community needs that particular fellow. Then to the extent that he can minister to the wants of the community, to that extent will attentions and concessions be offered him.

There is a vast difference between the Negro at home and the Negro who rents. There is a government in which the Negro may still sit as a lawmaker—a government in which he may enjoy all rights. That is the family government. How the Negro lives at home is of far greater importance than how he is regarded at State and national capitals. Here in Georgia the Negro is alive to those facts, and as a result in any town in Georgia the Negro is to be seen buying and building. I think you have done your part toward stimulating this spirit. Yu have held to your course as earnestly as our friend Thompson has held to Dr. Washington, and that is the strongest way we can state it. Well, anything that is worth our time is worth our best efforts.

South Georgia is an inviting field for Negro homeseekers. The country is practically unoccupied, land is cheap and any kind of crop can be raised from the grains and fruits of the North to the fruits and nuts of the tropics. The breath of the Gulf and the Atlantic warms it in winter and cools it in summer.

The Negro of South Georgia is a thrifty creature. Bambridge, Thomasville, Quitman, Valdosta, Waycross and Brunswick are all busy, thriving towns, that contain a large per cent of energetic Negroes.

Dr. Schell, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Johnson, Prof. Blocker, Ealy, Ford, Guy, Young, Lofton, Davis make up a partial list of the leading men. Drs. Schell and Cooper are doing very fine work in their line. Prof. Blocker is a great man in his section and can say more things on a subject of conversation in a given time than any one in South Georgia. At Thomasville we have Drs. Wilson and Moseley, two most highly representative Negroes. Mitchel, Davis, Broadenax and others bring up the commercial line. The stellar social event of the season was the marriage of Dr. Wilson of the city to Miss Bates of Covington. Miss Bates is one of the finest products of Georgia.

Waycross acknowledges Dr. Washington as her first citizen from a financial viewpoint, but close to him are Bowen Long and the McGraw brothers. Waycross will be a great industrial center in a few years.

At Brunswick we met Rev. S. M. Hawkin, a wealthy yung divine, whose desire to have riches in heaven has not overcome his business sense in this world. The Rev. is worth several thousands. Dr. Williams is the pastor of the First Baptist Church and a gentleman of affairs. Mr. Wm. Pitts, Dr. Bugg, B. L. Jordan, Byrd the undertaker, Simmons and Mathews, Pyles, Dawson, A. Bugg, Seabrook, Roberts, Beler, Minor, Clark, Shaw, Ponder, Short and others, of whom we shall speak later, make a galaxy f men who will succeed.

I shall tell you more of South Georgia in my next.

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Quarrier had at first flushed up; then he forced a smile, but his symmetrical features were never cordial when he smiled.

"Who on earth did that?" whispered Sylvia Landis apprehensively. "Mr. Quarrier dislikes that sort of thing, but of course he'll take it well."

"Did he ever chase his own dog?" asked Siward, biting his lip.

"Yes—so Blinky says—in the Carolinas last season. It's Blinky; that's his notion of humor. Did you ever hear such a laugh? No wonder Mr. Quarrier is annoyed."

The gay uproar had partly subsided, renewed here and there as the sketch was passed along and, finally making the circle, returned, like a bad penny, to Quarrier. He smiled again symmetrically as he received it, nodding his compliments to Alderdene.

"Oh, no," cackled his lordship; "I didn't draw it, old chap!"

"Nor I. I only wish I could," added Captain Voucher.

"Nor I, nor I. Who did it?" ran the chorus along the table.

"I didn't do it," said Sylvia gravely, looking across at Quarrier. And suddenly Quarrier's large handsome eyes met Siward's for the briefest fraction of a second, then were averted. But into his face there crept an expressionless pallor that did not escape Siward—no, nor Sylvia Landis.

Presently under cover of a rapid fire of chatter she said, "Did you draw that?"

"Yes; I had no idea it was meant for him. You may imagine how likely I'd be to take any liberty with a man who already dislikes me."

"But it resembles him in a very dreadful way."

"I know it. You must take my word for what I have told you."

She looked up at him. "I do." Then: "It's a pity. Mr. Quarrier does not consider such things humorous. He—he is very sensitive. Oh, I wish that fool Englishman had been in Ballyhoo!"

"But he didn't do it."

"No, but he put you up to it, or Grace Ferrall did. I wish Grace would let Mr. Quarrier alone. She has always been perfectly possessed to plague him. She seems unable to take him seriously, and he simply hates it. I don't think he'd tolerate her if she were not his cousin."

"I'm awfully sorry," was all Siward said, and for awhile he gloomily busied himself with whatever was brought to him.

"Don't look that way," came a low voice beside him.

"Do I show everything as plainly as that?" he asked curiously.

"I seem to read you—sometimes."

"It's very nice of you," he said.

"Nice?"

"To look at me—now and then."

"Oh," she cried resentfully, "don't be grateful!"

"I—really am not, you know," he said, laughing.

"That," she rejoined slowly, "is the truth. You say conventional things in a manner—in an agreeably personal manner—that interests women. But you are not grateful to anybody for anything. You are indifferent, and you can't help being nice to people, so some day some girl will think you are grateful and will have a miserable time of it."

"Miserable time?"

"Waiting for you to say what never will enter your head to say."

"You mean I—I"—

"Flirt? No. I mean that you don't flirt; that you are always dreamily occupied with your own affairs, from which listlessly congenial occupation, when drawn, you are so unexpectedly nice that a girl immediately desires to see how nice you can be."

"What a charming indictment you draw!" he said, amused.

"It's a grave one, I assure you. I've been talking about you to Grace Ferrall. I asked to be placed beside you at dinner. I told her I hadn't had half enough of you on the cliff. Now, what do you think of yourself for being too nice to a susceptible girl? I think it's immoral."

They both were laughing now. Several people glanced at them, smiling in sympathy. Alderdene took that opportunity to revert to the sketch, furnishing a specimen of his own inimitable laughter as a running accompaniment to the story of Quarrier and his dog in North Carolina until he had everybody, as usual, laughing, not at the story, but at him, all of which demonstration was bitterly offensive to Quarrier. He turned his eyes once on Miss Landis and on Siward, then dropped them.

The hostess arose. A rustle and flurry of silk and lace and the scraping of chairs, a lingering word or laugh, and the color vanished from the room, leaving a circle of men in black standing around the table.

Here and there a man, lighting a cigarette, bolted his coffee and cognac and strolled out to the gunroom. Ferrall, gesticulating vigorously, resumed his preprandial dog story to Captain Voucher. Belwether buttonholed Alderdene and bored him with an interminably facetious tale until that nobleman, threatened with maxillary dislocation, fairly wrenched himself loose and came over to Siward, squinting furiously.

"Old ass!" he muttered. "His chop whiskers look like the chops of a Southdown ram, and he's got the wits of one. Look here, Stephen, I hear you fell into no end of a scrape in town"—

"Tu quoque, Blinky? Oh, read the newspapers and let it go at that!"

"Just as you like, old chap!" returned his lordship unabashed. "All I meant was—anything Voucher and I can do—of course"—

"You're very good. I'm not dead, you know."

"'Not dead, you know!'" repeated Major Belwether, coming up behind them with his sprightly step. "That reminds me of a good one"— He sat down and lighted a cigar; then, vainly attempting to control his countenance as though roguishly anticipating the treat awaiting them, he began another endless story.

The Page boys, very callow, very much delighted and a little in awe of such a celebrated personage, laughed heartily. And altogether there was sufficient attention and sufficient laughter to make a very respectable noise. This being the major's cue for an exit, he rose, one sleek hand raised in sprightly protest as though to shield the invisible ladies, to whose bournes he was bound, from an uproar too masculine and mighty for the ears of such a sex.

"Ass!" muttered Alderdene, getting up and pattering about the room in his big shiny pumps. "Give me a peg—somebody!"

Mortimer swallowed his brandy, lingered, lifted the decanter, mechanically considering its remaining contents and his own capacity then:

"Bridge, captain?"

"Certainly," said Captain Voucher briskly.

"I'll go and shoo the major into the gunroom," observed Ferrall—"unless"—looking questioningly at Siward.

"I've a date with your wife," observed that young man, strolling toward the hall.

The Page boys, Rena Bonnesdel and Eileen Shannon were seated at a card table together, very much engaged with one another, the sealed pack lying neglected on the green cloth, a vast pink box of bonbons beside it not neglected.

O'Hara and Quarrier, with Marion Page and Mrs. Mortimer, were immersed in the game, already stony faced and oblivious to outer sounds.

About the rooms were distributed girls en tete-tete, girls eating bonbons and watching the cards, among them Sylvia Landis, hands loosely clasped behind her, standing at Quarrier's elbow to observe and profit by an expert performance.

As Siward strolled in she raised her dainty head for an instant, smiled in silence and resumed a study of her fiance's game.

A moment later, when Quarrier had emerged brilliantly from the melee, she looked up again triumphantly, supposing Siward was lingering somewhere waiting to join her. And she was just a trifle surprised and disappointed to find him nowhere in sight. She had wished him to observe the brilliancy of Mr. Quarrier's game.

But Siward, outside on the veranda, was saying at that moment to his hostess, "I shall be very glad to read my mother's letter at any time you choose."

"It must be later, Stephen. I'm to cut in when Kemp sends for me. He has a lot of letters to attend to. Tell me, what do you think of Sylvia Landis?"

"I like her, of course," he replied pleasantly.

Grace Ferrall stood thinking a moment. "That sketch you made proved a great success, didn't it?" And she laughed under her breath.

"Did it? I thought Mr. Quarrier seemed annoyed"—

"Really? What a muff that cousin of mine is. He's such a muff, you know, that the very sight of his pointed beard and pompadour hair and his complacency sets me in fidgets to stir him up."

"I don't think you'd best use me for the stick next time," said Siward. "He's not my cousin, you know."

Mrs. Ferrall shrugged her boyish shoulders: "By the way," she said curiously, "who was that girl?"

"What girl?" he asked coolly, looking at his hostess, now the very incarnation of delicate mockery with her pretty laughing mouth, her boyish sunburn and freckles.

"You won't tell me, I suppose?"

"I'm sorry"—

"Was she pretty, Stephen?"

"Yes," she said sulkily. "I wish you wouldn't"—

"Nonsense! Do you think I'm going to let you off without some sort of confession? If I had time now—but I haven't. Kemp has business letters. He'll be furious, so I've got to take his cards or we won't have any pennies to buy gasoline."

She retreated backward, with a gay nod of malice, and turned to enter the house and met Sylvia Landis face to face in the hallway.

"You minx!" she whispered. "Aren't you ashamed?"

"Very much, dear. What for?" And, catching sight of Siward outside in the starlight, divined perhaps something of her hostess' meaning, for she laughed uneasily, like a child who winces under a stern eye.

"You don't suppose for a moment," she began, "that I have"—

"Yes, I do. You always do."

"Not with that sort of man," she returned naively. "He won't."

Mrs. Ferrall regarded her suspiciously. "You always pick out exactly the wrong man to play with"—

They had moved back side by side into the hall, the hostess' arm linked in the arm of the younger girl.

"The wrong man?" repeated Sylvia, instinctively freeing her arm, her straight brows beginning to bend inward.

"I didn't mean that—exactly. You know how much I care for his mother—and for him." The obstinate downward trend of the brows, the narrowing blue gaze, signaled mutiny to the woman who knew her so well.

"What is so wrong with Mr. Siward?" she asked.

"Nothing. There was an affair"—

"This spring in town. I know it. Is that all?"

"Yes, for the present," replied Grace Ferrall uncomfortably. Then: "For goodness' sake, Sylvia, don't cross examine me that way! I care a great deal for that boy"—

"So do I. I've made him take my dog."

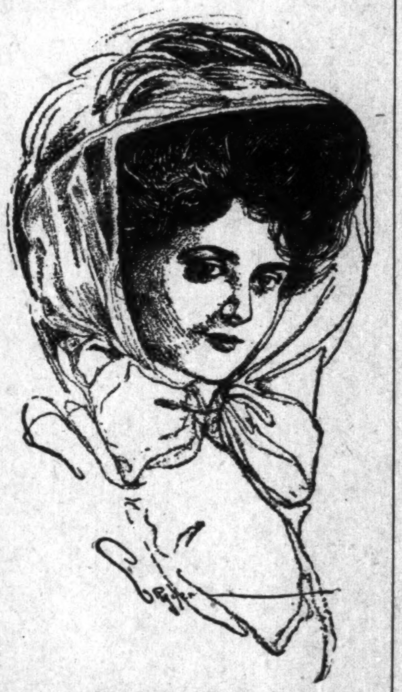
There was an abrupt pause, and presently Mrs. Ferrall began to laugh.

"I mean it, really," said Sylvia quietly. "I like him immensely."

"Dearest, you mean it generously, with your usual exaggeration. You have heard that he has been foolish, and because he's so young, so likable, every instinct, every impulse in you is aroused to—to be nice to him"—

"And if that were true"—

"There is no harm, dear"— Mrs. Ferrall hesitated, her eyes softening to a graver revery. Then looking up, "It's rather pathetic," she said in a low voice. "Kemp thinks he's foredoomed, like all the Siwards. It's an hereditary failing with him—no, it's hereditary damnation. Siward after Siward, generation after generation, you know"— She bit her lip, thinking a moment. "His grandfather was a friend of my grandparents, brilliant, handsome, generous and—doomed! His own father was found dying in a dreadful resort in London, where he had wandered when stupefied—a Siward! Think of it! So you see what that outbreak of Stephen's means to those whose families have been New Yorkers since New York was. It is ominous, it is more than ominous. It means that the master vice has seized on one more Siward. But I shall never, never admit it to his mother."



Mrs. Kemp Ferrall.

The younger girl sat, wide eyed, silent. The elder's gaze was upon her, but her thoughts, remote, centered on the hapless mother of such a son.

"Such indulgence was once fashionable. Moderation is the present fashion. Perhaps he will fall into line," said Mrs. Ferrall thoughtfully. "The main thing is to keep him among people, not to drop him. The gregarious may be shamed, but if anything, any incident happens to drive him outside by himself, if he should become solitary, there's not a chance in the world for him. It's a pity. I know he meant to make himself the exception to the rule—and look! Already one carouse of his has landed him in the daily papers!"

Sylvia flushed and looked up. "Grace, may I ask you a question?"

"Yes, child," she answered absently.

"Has it occurred to you that what you have said about this boy touches me very closely?"

Mrs. Ferrall's wits returned nimbly from woolgathering, and she shot a startled, inquiring glance at the girl beside her.

"You—you mean the matter of heredity, Sylvia?"

"Yes. I think my uncle, Major Belwether, chose you as his august mouthpiece for that little sermon on the dangers of heredity—the danger of being ignorant concerning what women of my race had done—before I came into the world they found so amusing."

"I told you several things," returned Mrs. Ferrall composedly. "Your uncle thought it best for you to know."

"Yes. There was, if I understood you, enough of divorce, of general indiscretion and irregularity to seriously complicate any family tree and coat of arms I might care to claim"—

"Sylvia!"

The girl lifted her pretty bare shoulders. "I'm sorry, but could I help it? Very well; all I can do is to prove a decent exception. Very well; I'm doing it, am I not—practically scared into the first solidly suitable marriage offered, seizing the unfortunate Howard with both hands for fear he'd get away and leave me alone with only a queer family record for company? Very well! Now, then, I want to ask you why everybody in my case didn't go about with a sanctimonious face and a dolorous mien repeating: 'Her grandmother eloped! Her mother ran away! Poor child; she's doomed, doomed!'"

"Sylvia, I"—

"Yes; why didn't they? That's the way they talk about that boy out there." She swept a rounded arm toward the veranda.

"Yes, but he has already broken loose, while you"—

"So did I—nearly. Had it not been for you, you know well enough I might have run away with that dreadful Englishman at Newport, for I adored him—I did, I did, and you know it. And look at my endless escapes from compromising myself! Can you count them? All those indiscretions when mere living seemed to intoxicate me that first winter, and only my uncle and you to break me in!"

"In other words," said Mrs. Ferrall slowly, "you don't think Mr. Siward is getting what is known as a square deal?"

"No, I don't. Major Belwether has already hinted—no, not even that, but has somehow managed to dampen my pleasure in Mr. Siward."

Mrs. Ferrall considered the girl beside her, now very lovely and flushed in her suppressed excitement.

"After all," she said, "you are going to marry somebody else. So why become quite so animated about a man you may never again see?"

"I shall see him if I desire to."

"Oh!"

"I am not taking the black veil, am I?" asked the girl hotly.

"Only the wedding veil, dear. But, after all, your husband ought to have something to suggest concerning a common visiting list"—

"He may suggest, certainly. In the meantime I shall be loyal to my own friends and afterward, too," she murmured to herself as her hostess rose, calmly dropping care like a mantle from her shoulders.

"Go and be good to this poor young man, then—I adore rows—and you'll have a few on your hands, I'll warrant. Let me remind you that your uncle can make it unpleasant for you yet and that your amiable fiance has a will of his own under his pompadour and silky beard."

"What a pity to have it clash with mine!" said the girl serenely.

Mrs. Ferrall looked at her. "Mercy on us! Howard's pompadour would stick up straight with horror if he could hear you. Don't be silly; don't for an impulse, for a caprice, break off anything desirable on account of a man for whom you really care nothing, whose amiable exterior and prospective misfortune merely enlist a very natural and generous sympathy in you."

"Do you suppose that I shall endure interference from anybody—from my uncle, from Howard?"

"Dear, you are making a mountain out of a molehill. Don't be emotional; don't let loose impulses that you and I know about, knew about in our school years, know all about now and which you and I have decided must be eliminated"—

"You mean subdued. They'll always be there."

"Very well. Who cares as long as you have them in leash?"

Looking at one another, the excited color cooling in the younger girl's cheeks, they laughed, one with relief, the other a little ashamed.

"Kemp will be furious. I simply must cut in," said Mrs. Ferrall, hastily turning toward the gunroom. Miss Landis looked after her, subdued, vaguely repentant, the consciousness dawning upon her that she had probably made considerable conversation about nothing.

"It's been so all day," she thought impatiently. "I've exaggerated. I've worked up a scene about a man whose habits are not the slightest concern of mine. Besides that, I've neglected Howard shamefully!" She was walking slowly, her thoughts outstripping her errant feet, but it seemed that neither her thoughts nor her steps were leading her toward the neglected gentleman within, for presently she found herself at the breezy veranda door looking rather fixedly at the stars.

The stars, shining impartially upon the just and the unjust, illuminated the person of Siward, who sat alone, rather limply, one knee crossed above the other. He looked up by chance and, seeing her star gazing in the doorway, straightened out and rose to his feet.

Aware of him apparently for the first time, she stepped across the threshold, meeting his advance halfway.

"Would you care to go down to the rocks?" he asked. "The surf is terrific."

"No—I don't think I care"—

They stood listening a moment to the stupendous roar.

(Continued next week.)

Short Flights

By R. W. Thompson.

Dr. W. H. Heard is to give Dr. J. Albert Johnson a fight for that African bishopric.

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Now that the Chicago Conservator has a Barber on its staff, it ought to be able to keep itself in good trim.

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It might be less confusing if Mr. Fortune would revive the old New York Globe instead of reincarnating the New York Freeman.

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William Lloyd Garrison's staggering rebuke to William Monroe Trotter in that letter to the New York Age, is ample proof that the grand old man is a master of vigorous English.

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Inquiry is made as to the present whereabouts of the Hon. Henry Clay Clifford Astwood. Somebody wants to tell him that a campaign must not be kept waiting while he is being found.

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It is hoped that none of the "near-gallants" will slip up in the little matter of paying the installments on that "near-diamond" that was handed to "her" to make Christmastide a merry season.

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At the forty-second session of the A. M. E. Conference of Florida, Rev. A. J. Kershaw beat the strong Dickerson combination and was elected to head the Florida delegation to the Norfolk Conference in May.

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Ex-Congressman Grosvenor counts but 166 possible votes for Bryan in the electoral college, and remarks that "the devil could get as many." This is the first time we have heard Ben Tillman thus seriously considered as a presidenital possibility.

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If Eddie Foy is to tackle "Hamlet," we may expect an announcement soon that Ernest Hogan is to essay the role of "Othello," flanked by versatile Tom Logan in the joint-star part of "Iago." Stranger things have happened.

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Rev. E. C. Morgan, the energetic and far-seeing president of the National Baptist Convention, places a Negro newspaper is rendering the race, and it will pay the masses to take his advice, as well as to take a paper that holds up our virtues and endeavors to wean us from our vices.

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Prof. W. P. Dabney, the erudite and long-headed editor of the Union, has been appointed assistant paymaster of the city of Cincinnati by Hon. George B. Cox, at a salary of $2,000 per annum. It is of perhaps no importance to call attention to the fact that Mr. Cox is the acknowledged leader of the Taft forces in the Queen City.

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The presence of Governor Hughes and Henry Watterson as the principay speakers at the Tuskegee meeting in New York shows that there is no politics in the propaganda for Negro education, and the united voices of Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop Grant indicate that diverse religions cordially agree on this common ground.

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"Marion Moore" is the name of a beautiful blooded colt which Mr. Moses Moore of Dayton, Ohio, presented to his wife (formerly Miss Marion Henry Smart) for a Christmas present. Mrs. Moore is an ideal picture of charming domestricity in her elegant home in Buckeyedom and seems not to miss the flashing enchantment of the "Great White Way."

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The retirement of practically all of the kindly disposed gentlemen who had been led into posing as stalking horses in the race for secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, in order to confuse the situation, leaves Ira T. Bryant in full possession of the track. His election is generally conceded throughout the church.

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The "love feast" given in honor of Mr. Taft by the Ohio Congressman afforded ample testimony of the satisfactory state of affairs in Ohio. It would not surprise those on the inside if Senator Foraker should yet be selected to make the speech placing Secretary Taft in nomination at Chicago. Stranger things have happened, and white folks do strange things when great interests are at stake.

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The Kansas City Star says: "Henry Watterson is now and for a long time has been the wisest counsellor in his party. He is right on every great question he discusses. He is not only right, but he is courageously, aggressively right. He is farsighted. When others are groping their way, he has arrived at the correct conclusion." This is a very accurate estimate of the eminent Kentuckian, and gives additional weight to his magnificent speech on the race question at the epoch-making Tuskegee meeting in New York on the 17th. Henry Watterson is the South's most progressive exponent today, and his level-headed conclusions on every great problem deserve prayerful consideration.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 1908.

Corrected date—The Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, will be held Sept. 7 to 11, 1908. E. S. Tuell, president; Charles Downing, secretary.

An old-fashioned lynching bee; well, we thought the last of them were sometime ago.

The coal men will bear with us while we pause to congratulate ourselves on these fine days.

Six thousand men returning to work in Cleveland, O., means more "circulation"; it also means a big boost for confidence.

Mr. Rockefeller has paid his second visit to the Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga. So in various ways the greatest of all deceptions are the recognizing the Negro race.

The colored men of Indianapolis are getting together as never before. They have finally concluded to take stock in the theory that in unity there is strength. Their united petition for fairer consideration at the hands of the Republicans, it is bought, will bear fruit.

Mr. Albert S. White, of Louisville, Ky., is favorably considered for delegate-at-large to Chicago in event the Fairbanks men win out in Kentucky. Mr. White is a well known Negro politician of the State and a platform man of ability; he is a lawyer when at his calling, but recently has been holding a federal office.

Mr. Jas. H. Lott, who has been selected as an Alternate delegate from this district to the Republican National Convention. Mr. Lott is a lawyer of ability, of a sustaining practice. The selection is considered a very good one. He is well informed, of excellent understanding and an entertaining speaker. He will make good in any crowd he chances to be thrown in.

Rev. Joshua Stansfield, a prominent white divine of Indianapolis, in his Lincoln day sermon, expressed himself on the Negro situation. He thought that there should be more of the Lincoln spirit and in which event the shameful discrimination against the black man in the South and North would disappear. He took the view consistent with his calling. Knowing men by deeds not, color, or previous condition.

If the managers of the fund for wiping out the indebtedness on the Douglass homestead will ask for popular subscription, the money will not be wanting. Every Negro community will gladly send its pennies, and that's all that is needed, a few pennies from each one. Every child that can say Douglass with the intelligence of who he was will lay a penny to save his home to the ages as the homes of all great men are preserved.

The New York Negroes will not take on Mr. Taft. In their meeting last week they roundly scored the Secretary of War for standing with the President in his order dismissing the Negro soldiers. The demonstration was also meant as a warning to the powers that be, that Mr. Taft was not at all acceptable, and that in event he was selected they would not vote for him. It was also meant as an encouragement to the Negroes of the country to make good their promise not to have anything to do with Mr. Roosevelt or his man.

Mr. John Rockefeller recently paid his second visit to the Tabernacle Baptist church of Augusta, Ga., and listened to the Negro pastor, the Rev. Dr. C. T. Walker, who delivered an excellent discourse to which the distinguished white Baptist brother carefully listened. In chatting with Rev. Walker, Mr. Rockefeller said, that Mrs. Rockefeller did not feel well enough to attend the church with him at that time, but that she would do so before leaving Augusta. Mr. Rockefeller contributed liberally when the basket was passed, as he did on his former visit.

Not long since a Japanese couple in making application for a marriage license in the city of New York, met with a difficulty in figuring out just who they were. The new law calls for designation of color; the couple chose to write "white" after their names. The clerk demurred; he could not see it that way, insisting that they use the term colored. The couple objected to that designation. After some pjarleying, a compromise was reached on "yellow." All parties were pleased and as the story goes, they were happily married and lived ever afterwards.

Bishop Walters, Editor William Monroe Trotter, Rev. Wm. H. Scott and others of note, are preparing for a National Political Conference to be held in Philadelphia, April 7. It is given out before hand that a part of the work will be to advise and work for a division of the Negro vote in the northern States. This information, more than likely, is based upon supposition. The promoters of the conference are known to be extremely liberal in their political views and have the courage of their convictions. They, however, have given out no advanced sheet of their program, the inference being a movement in cause of the perpetuity of the elective franchise where it is operative and to seek its enlargement where it has been reduced. What other mission in view will be brought out at the meeting will be looked forward to with considerable anxiety.

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen a circular letter by Booker T. Washington, calling attention to Frederick Douglass' birthday, February 14th. He thinks it fitting that the day be celebrateda nd also that advantage be taken of it to raise money to discharge the indebtedness on the old Douglass homestead. As will be noted a considerable sum has already been raised by his admirers. A little more effort will be the means of wiping out the entire indebtedness. The race owes it to itself to do this; and we think there will be no doubt of the money forthcoming if a canvass of the right kind is made. Up until this time there has been but very little attention paid the matter. The colored people all over the country are willing enough, they will feel it and honor to do something at preserving the home of Frederick Douglass.

In musing over the Rockefeller incident, where he visited a Negro church, noting the consideration shown him, one is likely to come to the conclusion that dollars and cents are the greatest distinguishing marks of men. But on the second sober thought, theory loses in force. It is plain that much money does distinguish an individual, making him "attractive," but high acquirements in other fields are no less acknowledged. If the President of the country, the Vice-President, a United States Senator, a Congressman, a Governor, a distinguished divine—a bishop of any denomination, or great general, the same attention would have been paid and even greater deference in some instances. The great divine or bishops would have been asked to occupy the pulpit, the right minded preacher feeling unworthy in his presence. The President or Vice-President would have been asked to say a word by most any thoughtful preacher, with the probability of the same courtesy being extended others of the list.

Indeed, the list need not be limited; those at all distinguished, and where it is generally known will not fail of recognition. Of course, the greater churches could not afford to recognize men of stamps so generally as others, but even there a visitor is commented on by the congregation when at home and in the papers, prooving that it is merit that counts.

LYNCHED A NEGRO.

The lynching of a Negro at Brookhaven, Miss., Monday of this week is a reminder that the mob has not entirely died out. The particularly mean phase of this lynching was that the prisoner was in the custody of the officers and along with whom were sent an escort of soldiers by the Governor of the State fo rsofe-guarding the prisoner. The escort was not sufficiently strong, it appears; it gave away after a fierce struggle in which two men were wounded. On securing their man, the mob proceeded to make short work of him, hanging him to a telegraph pole.

It is very evident that the mob spirit has not died out, and so much worse for the section where it thrives. It will be remembered that the Negro as far as is known at this time was not guilty of the commission of a crime, unless it is understood in the charge "attacked." The Negro was charged with attacking a white woman, a grave enough offense to be true, having in mind the intent, but which intent should have been clearly shown. The mob was not capable of ascertaining such a fact, so even for mob justice, it had very poor grounds to go on.

Those taking part in the mob, many of them, could have had no knowledge of the charge against the Negro, except as told them by some other man; yet these were equally zealous in meteing out the strange justice, committing in turn wrongs that they so greatly condemned in another, and with the same spirit as though they were eye-witnesses of the fact.

It is needless to say that a revival of the lynching habit will greatly be dejlored. We had begun to feel that the evil was passing, that the future years would see less and less of the necessity if we may so express it. But, of course, there is no necessity for mobs in this land where justice is swift and certain and especially as it pertains to Negroes committing heinous offenses. The mob seems quite unwilling to learn the lesson, that the courts will do the work, and without tainting its soul with murder.

There is a lesson to be gotten of the mob's action, ugly as it was, it is that Negroes should steer very wide of white people when it comes to the sort of social relation complained of, and most especially are they to stand aloof from attascking white women, any kind of women. The impression should not obtain that there is any such disposition on the part of Negroes; such cases when faithful to report are extremely rare; it being no part of the Negroe's nature to venture where he is not expected.

Governor Noel will be esteemed for his aforethought in sending a guard to protect the prisoner, and who perhaps did what it could without too great a risk at sacrificing life. It is hoped that the Brookhaven case will answer for a very long while.

VALENTINE DAY.

BY T. H. PETERSON, NEW YORK CITY.

I've been thinking for a long, long time,
What on earth to send you for a valentine:
As I've only one day more,
Shall send you what I have in store.

Perhaps a kiss I would suggest,
If on your lips you'll let it rest:
Providing it is there in time,
As a token of "Old St. Valentine."

LOOKING OVER THE FIELD.

Registrar of the Treasuray, W. T. Vernon, was in the city last week; he was on his way to Washington after an extended visit to the Western States. Vernon's visit West has not been stated with absolute certainty, but it is thought that he has been inquiring after the lay of the political land, if not taking a hand in actually shaping affairs. Mr. Vernon's relation to the present administration makes it fairly certain that he has been engaged in furthering the ends of those to whom he is responsible for office. He was wise enough while here; giving nothing out in this Fairbank's stronghold, indicative of his mission West, so at best whatever opinion obtains about his visit is merely presumptive.

Bishop Abraham Grant managed to reach the city about the time Vernon arrived on the scene. The "co-incident" has been before; the Bishop and theRegistrar managed t ostrike Indianapolis on the same date. This was before the well known Negro soldiers' episode, an event which has so greatly changed the Negroes' bearing on the presidential question. Even at that time, what those worthies had to give out was simply a matter of conjecture; but it was when Mr. Roosevelt was in high favor with the colored people; this condition taken with Mr. Vernon's office, looked like a Roosevelt movement. Yet it would be unfair to have so classed Bishop Grant, who is of Indiana, a first-rate politician and knows what party regularity means. However, in this event the wiseacres failed to deliver themselves of any opinions or sentiments that tended to fix them. They very obviously came to hear, and to that end they were all ears.

There is more sureness that the two are paired at this time than before. The logic of affairs will set down Mr. Vernon as favorable to those responsible for his political being, while the Bishop will swing surely to Mr. Fairbanks, since he is the choice of the State of Indiana and without division at any time. The "forces" were silent enough; so far as the general public is concerned, and like the Arabs, of story, folded up their tents and moved on to Washington, leaving us none the wiser for their movements.

"THE VOICE OF THE NEGRO."

The Freeman regrets vey much to learn that "The Voice of the Negro," the well known magazine, has given up the struggle for existence. The voice, it will be remembered, was conceived by a coterie of colored men of Atlanta, Ga., something about three years ago, and forthwith started on its mission. This coterie of men was headed by the well known J. Max Barber, who becomes its editor. Such men as Dubois, Bowen gave it moral support, and by many were supposed to have been financially interested. The manner of publication was felt to have been a necessity—high-class in all respects, having to do with the higher fields of race endeavor; it wanted it to be so understood, and undertook to live on that platform—it, for the one publication, would not only stand for the best in Negro life, but for the highest as well, championing unabridged rights, standing for supremely perfect conditions, accepting nothing less than the general laws for the rule of conduct of the Negro race. The publication in answering its purposes, was ideal; its editor was brilliant; its contributions were from the heavy "guns" of the race; everything that could be done, apparently was done to give eclat, to make it go at its own rating.

While Mr. Barber was a good, grand editiorfi performing his part according to program, yet he did not seem acquainted with the conditions he was to face. In the first place, the magazine, as it is best known, circulated only among the "leisure" class, and a reading, literary leisure class at that. A few such people will be found in most localities making in the sum total many thousands throughout the country—the condition is the hope of the magazine publisher. Mr. Barber needed the condition. He did not have it. The race is not prepared, not earnestly interested, not sufficiently earnestly interested in numbers to justify fine attempts. Fictitious boosting, spasmodic boosting, are not conducive ot the longevity of such publications. To be plan, and in short, we do not have enough qualified readers.

Mr. Barber was greatly assisted in the beginning. According to his own words; two white men put in not less than $8,000 in the business. These men, says he, were not rich and therefore could not longer stand the strain. Evidently they thought there was a great field—one first-class magazine taking its chances among the millions of Negroes. The greater per cent. of the adults being able to read. It looked an excellent business proposition, but the conditions were the same as with while concerns and yet more stern than those to be met among the white people—race indifference was the new quantity. These very generous white men finally said that they had given all they could afford and that if the colored people wanted a magazine, they would have to learn to sustain it. This was before the publication left Atlanta, at which time Mr. Barber says it was on the point of suspension.

On going to Chicago a stock company was formed and for a while the magazine promised to be a go, but the support was spasmodic, not that earned through the mission of the project; and very naturally men lost patience and faith, leaving nothing to do but close down the venture. Mr. Barber says that the paic prevented many of the friends of the publication from carrying out their pledges.

Before the winding up of the affairs of the magazine, Mr. Barber said:

"Then came Fortune on the scene—and we had hoped fortune also. You all know Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, formerly of the New York Age. Well, he came to Chicago in October, bought the stock of Mr. J. A. Hertel, which was a majority of all the stock sold, and by virtue of his holdings in the company became the directive force in the company. He stated that he had come to us free of entangling alliances, and that with certain money which was coming to him, in conjunction with me, he meant to resume the publication of the magazine with all of its old ideals. From October until January we sat and waited upon Mr. Fortune's motions. There was nothing else for us to do. He held four times as much stock in the concern as I held. Then Mr. Fortune took a copy of our mailing list, shook the dust of Chicago from his feet, and hied himself away to New York. We are informed that he is starting a newspaper called The Freeman, in New York. He is the majority stockholder in The Voice Company, and no doubt intends to take care of The Voice subscribers. I have severed my relations with the company and advise those who wish to ask about The Voice to address their letters to Mr. T. Thomas Fortune."

It goes without saying that Mr. Barber makes a very serious charge against Mr. Fortune. The Chicago Conservator sets forth Mr. Barber's letter where are the above and other particulars, told as entertainingly as a romance. What Mr. Fortune will say to all this is anxiously awaited.

Good opinions of Vice-President Fairbanks continue to come up from every part of the State. Not only has he secured the numerical strength of the convention votes—the delegates he has the support and confidence of the entire state and which is simply voiced through the delegates who will go to Chicago to manifest its disposition. Considered from a Republican standpoint, this remarkable oneness in favor of Mr. Fairbanks, together with his very excellent qualities, ought to present him to the country in the most favorable light. And indeed he is making a headway throughout the country owing to his splendid qualities, his well known statesmanship, his consummate leadership, cool and careful judgment, all of which are the essentials to the great office of President.

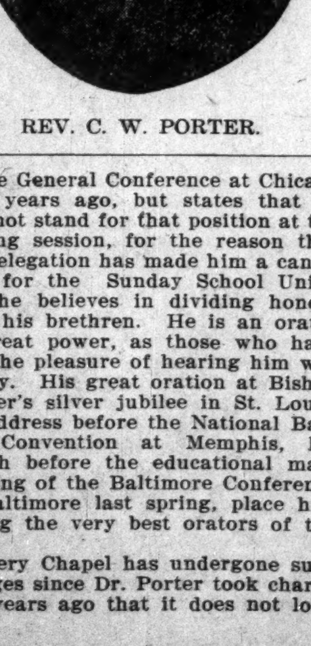
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

S. S. Steele, for three years head waiter at the Threadgill Hotel, still maintains his good reputation for first-class service. He is also popular as a fraternity and society leader. The crew is as follows: S. S. Steele, headwaiter; H. E. Martin, second; E. W. Bartle, captain; Cain Moore, Jno. Gary, Jas. H. Key, Chas. Pride, Lee Johnson, M. H. Fagans, C. E. Harris, Jno. Porter, Morris Jefferson, W. M. McDonald, Wm. Shelton.

REV. G. W. PORTER, D. D.

Pastor Avery Chapel A. M. E. Church, Memphis, Tenn.—Auditor of Financial Board of the Connection.—Unanimous Choice of His State for the Secretaryship of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union.

Dr. G. W. Porter is well known throughout his great connection as one of the ablest preachers of the church and easily takes rank among the foremost pulpit and platform orators of his race. He has made his way to prominence by diligent study and hard work and has never known failure. For the last fifteen years he has been held in some of the largest and most difficult charges of the great A. M. E. connection and his accomplishments at every place he has been stands as a living monument to the greatness of the man. He was elected to the first General Conference to which he was eligible in 1896 and has been elected to every General Conference since and always on the first ballot. He is honored and loved by his brethren for his broadness of heart and charitableness of disposition. He was reading clerk of the General Conference at Chicago four years ago, but states that he will not stand for that position at the coming session, for the reason that his delegation has made him a candidate for the Sunday School Union and he believes in dividing honors with his brethren. He is an orator of great power, as those who have had the pleasure of hearing him will testify. His great oration at Bishop Turner's silver jubilee in St. Louis, his address before the National Baptist Convention at Memphis, his speech before the educational mass meeting of the Baltimore Conference at Baltimore last spring, place him among the very best orators of the race.



REV. C. W. PORTER.

Avery Chapel has undergone such changes since Dr. Porter took charge two years ago that it does not look like the same place. The mammoth church building has been overhauled from end to end and a large $3,500 pipe organ installed and the attendance more than doubled.

The only objection the membership at Avery has to Dr. Porter's candidacy for the Sunday School Union is the fear that he will be taken away from them before they are ready for him to go. In discussing his candidacy with some of his friends as against that of the popular layman, Mr. Ira T. Bryant of Alabama, they said that Alabama can not expect everything at the hands of the General Conference. Your years ago Alabama asked us to help them in the election of Dr. G. W. Allen, and we did so. We understand that Alabama wants Dr. Allen re-elected to his same position, and if so, we are willing to help them again, provided they are willing to divide honors with us in the electon of our candidate to the Sunday School Union. We are not asking for anything in this State but this one position and we know we have the right man for the place, and we will endeavor to help those who help us.

At a meeting of the General Conference delegates of the three conferences of Tennessee in Nashville on January 21 Dr. Porter was elected by written ballot as the one candidate of the State that will be put forth for connectional honors, since which time he has been receiving assurances of support from many delegates throughout the connection, and the indications are that he will be one of the strong candidates at Norfolk next May.

He is a good business man, as is shown by the management of his own affairs, owning nice real estate and a comfortable amount of this world's goods. His is one of the model homes of Memphis.

W. B. G.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Arkansas has 300 colored Episcopalians.

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A colored man in New Jersey recently buried his fourteenth wife.

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The colored K. of P. Lodge at Weimar, Tex., which is only fourteen months old, has a $800 hall.

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The white citizens of Fort Worth, Tex., recently donated $400 to the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Mr. Claude T. Hume, a graduate of Bishop College, is conducting a successful real estate business in Muskogee, Okla.

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In Charleston, S. C., the tax on slaves was $3 per capita and the amount paid on the Negroes owned by Negroes was $1,170.

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The Negro churches of America have some 2,500,000 communicants, and church property to the value of more than $28,000,000.

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The Negroes of America, principally South of Mason and Dixon's line, produced from plantation and field products valued at over $357,552,000.

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Howard University has now 1,020 students on its rolls, the largest number within the history of the school. Mr. Carnegie's gift of $50,000 for a new library came at a most timely moment.

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The colored people of Muskogee have organized an anti-Jim Crow league and are raising funds to push the fight to a conclusion. Two men contributed $100 each and others from $1 up. The money will be raised.

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A free dispensary has been opened by the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., with two physicians, two dentists and a trained nurse available every day. The American Baptist says "All poor and deserving people are treated without regard to denomination."—Southwestern Christian Advocate.

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The Rev. S. J. Dixon of Houston, Tex., has secured fifteen acres of land near Spring, Tex., on which he is arranging to build a Negro orphan's home, to be known as the Dixon and Gordon Orphan Home of Texas. The citizens are donating liberally and offering all inducements necessary to assure the success of the home.

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King Menelik of Abyssinia will soon be added to the list of monarchs who are automobilists—and there are now only a few that are not. The British government through its prime minister will present a car to him, which has been specially constructed for roads in his kingdom. A roadway will be cut from the coast to the capital for the passage of this, the first motor car ever seen in Abyssinia. The royal chauffeur is a native who has been taking a course of instruction in England.

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Jackson, Miss.—One of the features of the legislature was the introduction of a concurrent resolution by Mr. Dees of Jackson inviting all the States of the Union to appoint a legislative committee of fair-minded men to visit the South and thoroughly study the race problem. The resolution declares that the solid South is going to remain solid, "so long as we are kept solid by the danger of again being swept into the political, financial and moral hell of Negro domination," and that if the danger of race domination were forever removed from our people a respectable Republican party could be built up in our State, and this is an end much desired by all citizens.

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The following statistics show that in some States the "colored brother's" vote is worth cultivating. The Negro population in sixteen States is as follows:

Massachusetts	40,000
Rhode Island	10,000
Connecticut	20,000
New York	120,000
New Jersey	75,000
Pennsylvania	175,000
Delaware	40,000
Colorado	10,000
Ohio	40,000
Indiana	60,000
Illinois	100,000
Michigan	25,000
Iowa	16,000
Missouri	170,000
Kansas	60,000
California	15,000

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As for Negro journals, precious few of them have trained forces. The editor is expected to perform all duties from the tripod to the glue pot; is expected to turn out a very decent and commendable journal and usually by those who sometimes find themselves in possession of an overplus of 15 cents for which they can not account and decide to let it go on their paper bills. To be brought up to points of both literary and mechanical excellence, the Negro newspaper must be supported—not in half-hearted fashion, but consistently. It takes money to accomplish these things and plenty of it. When the appearance of the Negro newspaper does not please you, don't cuss"; examine your conscience and pockets and see how you stand and then come forward with the necessary power to relieve this condition. —The Independent.

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Birmingham, Ala., has a savings bank running under the title of the Alabama Savings Bank, which was completely established in 1906 by the intelligent, far-seeing colored Americans of that city. Up to date this company occupies and owns a brown-stone front building and has 9,000 depositors to the amount of $1,099,224. All of its securities are gilt-edge and its business in the entirety is very prosperous, and the bank examiner's report for the past year shows it to be in the best financial condition. Rev. W. Pettiford, the organizer and present president of the bank, deserves great credit for the strenuous and intelligent efforts he used to make the movement a success. The first step toward establishing this institution was made in 1890, and in 1895 the loan of $14,000 for ten years was made to the colored K. of P.'s of that city.

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The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Insurance Association of Durham, N. C., is under the absolute control of colored Americans, and it is one of the strongest companies of its kind operated by the race. It has been in operation nearly seven years and has enrolled 87,000 members. It has a small army of employees numbering in the thousands. It disbursed over $60,000 to members last year and has nearly $25,000 invested in real estate. The company carries sick, accident, endowment and straight life policies. It occupies a beautiful home office which cost over $10,000. Mr. John Merrick, the founder, is also the president; C. C. Spaulding, vice-president, and Dr. A. M. Moore, secretary-treasurer. We are always delighted to make mention of these brilliant enterprises conducted by colored Americans, as it has a tendency to inspire other intelligent members of the race to similar or greater efforts.

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At Prairie View, enrolled as a student at the school for Negroes there maintained by the State, is the crown prince of an African nation, says Mr. Walton Peteet, one of the board in charge of the institution. This exponent of black royalty was discovered by one of the instructors there in charge who has spent years in the Dark Continent as a representative of the British Government. Brought to the United States the future chief of over 2,000,000 people appeared among the Texas Negroes as if he had dropped from the clouds. He could not speak English and his language was all imported and very strange. He is black as night, with characteristicfeatures, but still is said to be a prince of Africa. The story spread among the other Negroes. They commenced to show him honors. By contribution presents of clothing were rained upon him. The underwear given was of the brightest shades and the socks selected resembled a summer sunset on the African lakes. The prince was pleased. To show his pleasure he donned the garments. His appearance, however, caused consternation. When he wandered upon the campus he was wonderfully attired. He was wearing his gay colored underclothing on the outside to go along with a pleasant smile and a look of joy. Since then he has been educated up to the ideas of modesty supposed to maintain in civilized America. Red underclothes only show at his wrists.—The Houston Chronicle.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

Brown and Nevarro were seen at the Colonial, at New York, last week.

Billy Arnte, the North Carolina Sunbeam, has joined the ranks of the Elks.

David Miller of Paris, Ky., sends regards to Cole and Johnson, Prof. Williams and Sam Lucas.

The Orpheum, on King street in Charleston, S. C., has been opened exclusively for colored people.

The mother of Miss Hulda Hicks, the performer, is improving from a recent illness at her home at Louisville.

Louis N. Williams, manager of the Dixie Theatre at Memphis, is ill. The interests of the house are being looked after by Richard Simmons.

Joseph Clark, Jr., the comedian, who has been very ill, is improving at his mother's home in Louisville, 610 Eleventh street. Regards to all performers.

A. Victor, who was seen in P. G. Lower's Musical Enterprise last season, and who has been spending several months in this city, left last week for New York City.

James A. Thompson, now serving as bandmaster of the Ninth Cavalry at Camp McGrath, Batangas, P. I., is the first Negro to serve in that capacity for that regiment. He received his promotion October 1, 1907.

Eugene Clark continues ill at Louisville, but hopes to be able to join the White-Tops the coming season. Regards to Sam Lucas, Wesley Jenkins and the entire Shoo-Fly Regiment company. He also wishes to hear from J. Ed Green.

The Mahara's Minstrels played a return engagement to the America Theatre January 30 at Jackson, Miss., to a crowded house. The show was well received and one of the best minstrel shows seen here this season. The singing of Miss Bessie La Bell "Because I'm Lonesome," and Tim Ousley "I Ain't As Foolish As I Look to Be," took the house by storm.

JOLLY CHARLES STAFFORD DEAD.

Jolly Charles Stafford, the versatile comedian, who had been the interlocutor of the Coney Island Minstrels, died recently at his home in Philadelphia after an illness of a few months. Shortly before he became ill Mr. Stafford left the Coney Island Minstrels, joining Cotly and Silverlake's Minstrels, but when his health failed the Coney Island Minstrels met his company at Salisbury, N. C., and seeing his condition, gave him $50 and a ticket to his home. He was a Knight of Pythias, and was buried by that organization. Mr. Stafford was 30 years old and a good artist in the profession.

CLARK'S THEATRE.

The theatre will open on March 2 for three days with Smith's Minstrels, on March 9 for one week with a musical comedy, "The Wizard of Kin-doo-dole," by a Negro composer, M. H. Lucas; on March 16 for three days "The Georgia Picaninnies"; on March 19 the Dunhams in light opera for three days.

We hope to have a stock company in the near future. We feel very much encouraged over our new enterprise and have the good will of both colored and white people of our city, and also they will give us their support just as long as we can give them good shows. Regards to all my friends. I am,

Yours truly,
THOS. HOWARD,
Manager Clark's Theatre.
458 White street, Columbus, O.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER A HIT IN NEW YORK.

At the Majestic Williams and Walker, the colored comedians, are offering a new musical melange entitled "Bandana Land." It is far and away the most creditable thing in their record and well deserves the Broadway status it has won. The colored authors have nothing for which they need apologize and have done a good deal which reads a useful lesson to some white librettists and composers who might be named. In "Bandana Land" there is an orderly plot and most excellent melody. The Negroid atmosphere is there, and the score, which is by Will Marion Cook, the well-known Negro composer, is chaste and captivating. Nor do the book and lyrics fall below the standard of the music. J. A. Shipp and Alexander Rogers, their respective authors, never have lost sight of the central purpose—the depiction of customs, scenes and episodes distinctively Afro-American.

Only one criticism of the performance is made, but this is made universally. Several members of the company—possibly out of sheer vanity—seek to make up in imitation of this, that or the other prominent American actress, and most of the women in the chorus affect the manners of white folk — from gait and gesture to rouge pot and powder puff. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and there is no sociological harm in this instance, of course. But the Negroid illusion is spoiled; the realism which the originators of the work had in view is marred by the affectations of Caucasian traits.

Aside from this the entertainment is one of the best in town. Walker takes an immense stride forward as a comedian and Aida Overton Walker—who used to be Ada—wears a rope of pearls as big as pigeons' eggs. The scenes are laid in Georgia and deal with the adventures of Skunton Bowser and his guardian, Buck Jenkins.—Burton M. Beach.

DIXIE THEATRE, MEMPHIS, TENN.

We are all well and are playing to a packed house nightly, our most worthy manager, Richard Simmons, is doing all that is in his power to make the event a very pleasant and a most successful one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, the prime sketch artists, have joined the little Casey Vaudeville Company and have promised the visitors to give them an entertainment that they will always remember, as "Handsome Willie From the U. S. A."

Our manager, Mr. Simmons, is leaving them screaming with one of his funny closing acts, "The Married Man's Troubles," better known as "Baby Wants Pudding."

Miss Lillian Brown is taking from three to four encores nightly singing "It's Hard to Love Somebody When Somebody's Loving Somebody Else." Wren and Wren are making good in their funny sketch "Don't Go Away, Nobody, Body, Nobody Leave." Prof. James Osborn has his orchestra under good control and it is the best in the city and receiving great approval by the audiences nightly.

Mr. Richard Simmons wishes to hear from Joe Lucas, Henry Watterson and Sank Sims. The entire company send regards to the profession.

LINCOLN THEATRE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The bill for the first half of the week was a unique musical extravaganza "The Leader of the Ball," with "Prof." Henry Watterson at the piano, who played the show to the standard. R. B. Joplin called the ragtime dance in a way that had the audience spellbound. Miss Dean sang "Dreaming, Love, of You" in a rich, low, mellow voice, which caused the audience to sway in their seats to the waltz chorus. Then Ed Howard handed out "Sally," a story of an actor and a country girl. Miss Simms sang "Miranda" and took the house by storm. Then Sam Gardner told them what he would do "When Tommy Atkins Marries Dolly Gray." Then Miss Brown spoke up and said, "All I Get Here Is Much Obliged to You." R. B. Joplin sang "Montana-Anna," assisted by the company in real cowboy costumes, and brought down the house. Miss Dean and Miss Brown followed with a pleasing sketch "The Dancing Master's Troubles." The Gardner-Simms knockabout team made them all howl.

We closed with "The Darktown Lunatic Asylum," which was an easy winner. Mr. R. B. Joplin is a credit to his race as a writer and producer. The management of the house asked him for a new bill every Monday and Thursday, and he is Johnny on the spot with "Senator Millsap" of North Carclina, which went big. Sank Simms has just written a coon song entitled "I'm Just Here, Babe, and That's All." Prof. Henry Watterson arranged the music. They send regards to all friends. R. B. Joplin sends regards to P. G. Lowery and Scott Joplin. "The Centers" of Dallas, Tex., joined us Monday and send best wishes to all friends in Dallas.

House staff: Albert Smith, treasurer; R. B. Joplin, stage manager; Prof. Henry Watterson, musical director; John Singleton, house officer; Wm. West, Wm. Ambrister, ushers; W. T. Moore, master properties and electrician; Miss Simms, wardrobe mistress.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SEES "BANDANA LAND."

The enthusiasm of two hundred colored people at the Majestic Theatre last week in New York City nearly put a stop to the performance when one of the audience recognized Booker T. Washington in the gallery.

"There's Mr. Washington!" shouted the man as the founder of Tuskegee slipped quietly into a seat in the balcony a few moments after Williams and Walker began their first act.

Many gathered about Mr. Washington trying to shake hands with him, and others cheered while the actors waited for a chance to be heard.

Williams and Walker sent a message to Mr. Washington offering him a box, but he declined, saying he had just dropped in for a moment on his way to his hotel. Today Mr. Washington said at the Manhattan Hotel that he was deeply touched by the greeting he had received.

"I greatly appreciated the heartiness and sincerity of their welcome," he said.

BEFORE THE STAGE MIRROR.

By Charles D. Marshall.

About the only one criticism that the average draamtic editor makes these days concerning our actors and actresses who appear in the modern Negro play is that "they seek to make up in imitation of this, that or the other prominent American actor or actress, trying to affect the manners of white folk — from gait and gesture to rouge pot and powder puff."

But I don't see how they find any real harm in imitation unless that usual face of beauty that is generally found in our women of the stage is spoiled by the covering of powder. However, they have as much right to imitate white folk as the white have to imitate black folk. But if the average critic will sum it up, he will find that the Caucasian performer really steals one-half of his work from Williams and Walker, Cole and Johnson, Sherman Dudley, Ernest Hogan, Aida Overton Walker, Belle Davis, Abbie Mitchell and others of the like almost constantly. Few Negro performers care to imitate the "stage doings" of the white artists, for it won't suit or fit in just to their taste.

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For the last couple of months Miss Bessie Simms of the Shoo-Fly Regiment has been carrying a cold with her every place she went. A day or so ago while at St. Louis Miss Simms got up early, as she does not always do, and went to a nearby drug store. She admitted she felt a little cross that morning, being burdened with such a heavy cold.

"Give me a dime's worth of two-grain quinine capsules, quick!" she said, hoarsely, to a very polite drug clerk.

"Will you have them wrapped up?" he asked.

"No," she said, as she snatched them from his hands, "I want them rolled over to my rooms."

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The future is going to bring a great change in theatrical circles among colored performers and plays. Perhaps next season may see the beginning of the change, as the one now on is working to an end that may cause many of these turnarounds. I am of the mind that the season of 1909 may introduce several new stars among our performers that will be worthy of putting forth, in the persons of Irvin Allen and Andrew Tribble, for here is a pair that is rapidly coming to the front. They should make a great team in time, judging by the past. Just to think that they have been in the business only two or three seasons and have become the talk of every town they have visited, and often, to the opinion of others, outshining the stars. When one considers the great chance they have to develop (being young in age and stage experience) and then looks at the wonderful advancement they have already made, you cannot help from saying, "Look out, for here comes another McIntyre and Heath fied!"

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It is stated the Ernest Hogan was baptized in the Catholic church a few days ago. Being done with the or a Williams and Walker personiairships, he took to the water.

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Would like to hear from Blaine Gaten and Homer Tutt. Wrote last.

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Tutt Whitney, leading comedian with the Black Patti Troubadours, at one time was known as a great tenor singer and traveled many years solo-singing in large music halls and theatres, and working with a quartette before becoming a legitimate actor. Only four or five years ago he became a bass singer, but "cut" it for the funny, sunny side of life—comedian. He is one of few comedians who has yet a good voice.

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"Where is Pete Hampton?" they ask. Somehow this veteran dropped out of sight as if the world had opened and swallowed him, and for what reason no one knows, for Pete always handled the goods whenever he "came on."

Williams and Stafford, Pewee and Edward, have closed with Williams and Baynard's Famous Troubadours and are now in the W. A. Mahara's Minstrels.

SCRANTON, PA.

In spite of the inclement weather on Sunday, still a goodly number turned out to hear two able sermons by Dr. N. D. Temple. An interesting Sunday school was held, and the lesson was gone over ably by the superintendent, L. E. Morton...The protracted meetings which have been going on for the past three weeks at Bethel A. M. E. Church were well attended and much benefit ensued from their taking place...A stag party was given in honor of Roger M. Tyler at his home on Kressler Court, the occasion being his twenty-first anniversary of his birth. Phonographic selections were rendered and a feature of the evening's pleasure was the shouting in, by all those present, the graphophone, their names and their number, they being in rotation, and something humorous was ejaculated after each name. ...Scranton has a young colored doctor in her midst who has hung out his shingle, and is solicitous for the trade of the race in this city. Come, good people, help or go to see him when you are ill...The following have been on the sick list: Mesdames Lulu Dorsey, Margaret Mayers, Miss Gura Dorsey, Messrs. Eckie Giles and Calvin Meyers...We are glad to see little Leroy Plater about after a depressing accident to his foot last week...Misses Johanna and Bessie Blue of Pittston were visitors in this city on Sunday...The Meredith sisters, two of America's leading colored sisters' teams, were playing a week's engagement at the Polis Theatre, meeting with success.

JACKSON, MISS.

The Republican State Executive Committee meets in this city on March 2 to name the date for the Republican State convention. This meeting will be one of the most interesting that have ever been held. The Republicans are somewhat divided between Messrs. Taft and Foraker. The chances are that the delegation will go to Chicago uninstructed as to either candidate for the presidency. The white Republicans are for Mr. Taft, the colored, some of them at least, for Mr. Foraker.

A SONG OF NIGHT

Vile deeds of life's dark shadows, in
The penitentiary of sin—
Doth mark the flight of arson's wing
To hell-homes where the vagrants
sing.

Vain visions of a throng which met;
Hellenic ideals of regret;
Are vivid pictures of the moss
Which grows on graves of virtue's
loss.

To chasms of a cloudy night,
The maidens wander with delight,
With agents which the devil owns,
To pitfalls where none hear their
groans.

The savage night foretells the task,
Of all who wear life's riddled mask;
Beneath the stars where villains
tread,
The ruined compete with the dead.

A song of night—welcome the day;
The day when men will kneel to
pray.
Beyond earth's day there is no night,
And brightness ushers nto light.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck McCreary and children have gone to Greenville for their future home...Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted of the Negro doings. G. Washington Bruce, agent, 129 Aiken street...Lagrippe is raging in our city...The Daughters of Tabor, No. 141, gave a banquet recently at the K. of P. Hall. ...Wonder what will become of our school girls?...Ellis County has a few Negro farmers of note...Learn to pay cash and be independent... If you want The Freeman, see G. Washington Bruce at 129 Aiken street or at the T. & B. V. Depot. Terms, one copy, 5 cents; three months, 60 cents; six months, 85 cents; one year, $1.50 cash...Keep your eye on The Freeman...Rev. P. H. Hugh of Ferris was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

DALLAS, TEX.

Exalted Ruler Alex Mitchell is all smiles over that two months' old baby at his home...Let every citizen get busy on the cleaning up of the cemetery grounds...Virgil Smith was buried Sunday under the auspices of Comet Lodge Odd Fellows and Aliff Lodge Masons from St. Paul M. E. Church. Dr. N. J. Johnson conducted the services...Stokes' Band with Wade Tory Johnson and several other comedians is making good at the Lyric Vaudeville Theatre...Chas. Parker's is the home of The Freeman...Debators Dennis, Anderson, George English and Percy Bowers were here this week...The Kerstads and Dixie tailor on Central avenue asks a share of your patronage...We are having much sickness just now in the metropolis...Mrs. N. G. Whitehead sold her saloon this week...The panic has hit a hard blow to every kind of business here. ...We have had many comers and goers in the metropolis this week... The Pop-Off Social Club, a new organization with rooms at 355 Jackson street, is destined to do much good, if its principles are carried out by its growing membership...The Woodmen's organization, with headquarters here, reports every camp in Texas increasing in membership, and when the Grand Lodge meets in June at Bonham over 3,000 will be reported in the fold...The directors of the Baseball Association for Texas met in Austin this week in the parlors of the Olympia Club rooms. There were present Hiram McGar, Fort Worth, president; Thos. Walker, Dallas; Theodore Graves, Sherman; Arch McClelon, Waco, and Luke Freeman, Austin. The association perfected the financial arrangements by which the organization will begin operation and agreed to open in North Texas about April 19. The following cities will enter the League Association: Sherman, Dallas, Waco, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Austin. Already the assignment of players has begun. The outlook of the association is very promising, and it was clearly demonstrated that the association will have the financial support necessary to make it go. The company has already leased four acres of land just below the Arbuckle elevator, on South Houston street, and Monday morning work will begin on a beautiful site for an amusement park with baseball grounds in connection therewith. One hundred and seventy-five dollars were paid in by those present to secure the lease, and the public generally, and especially those interested in the promotion of parks and amusements, are requested to take stock. The shares are one dollar each, and there are one thousand shares to be taken. One hundred and seventy-five have been subscribed and paid for. The management is desirous that this park shall be the people's park, therefore everybody is earnestly requested to assist in this behalf. It is commonly asserted that colored people have no place to go for amusement in this city, and by this plan they are offered an opportunity to provide for themselves a suitable place, and the Texas Express believes that a large number of them will accept this golden privilege.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

The Eastern Star ladies gave an entertainment in their hall on the 14th inst...Chandler Ford entertained at dinner recently Mr. Ira Lewis, while Miss Ford entertained Miss Burton...Mrs. Wm. Smith and Mrs. T. P. Wright are arranging a donation for their pastor, Rev. Tolls. ...Mrs. and Miss Redfern of Pittsburg came to the city Tuesday of last week to look after the remains of their son and brother, Mr. Andrew Vincent. The body was brought to the city Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in the Oldtime Methodist Mission, Rev. Joseph Evans officiating. Interment at Oakhill. The deceased was a nephew of Mr. Duncan Vincent...Those on the sick list are Mrs. J. Bell, Mr. Doc Cole, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Tame, Miss Eva McConnell, Mr. J. Burton, Mrs. Leveal on Alpine street, and Mrs. Gass.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

LAST SEASON GREATEST FOR BASEBALL.

Owners and Players Realized Better Gain—Demand for Players.

Last season was perhaps one of the greatest of all seasons for Negro ball players and fans both financially and socially. Managers and owners realized greater profits from the games played in 1907 than any season previous, despite the weather, which caused a late season. Chicago, Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis, Indianapolis and other like cities felt the craze of baseball as they never did before. It seemed that the white as well as the black fans were interested in every game played by colored teams. At Chicago the Leland Giants drew large crowds even at the very time that the National League team might be playing a great game in the self same city. They crowded to see the Giants, whites and blacks, as much so as they did to see the Cubs or the Sox lads play. They wanted to see Rube Foster pitch as much so as they would care to see Waddell do the stunt, the result being heavy receipts.

Demand for Players.

The coming season is going to put a demand on professional ball players of color in this country, as every manager has awakened to the idea that professional ball playing is the only kind that the ball fan will pay for, and therefore each manager must do away with the amateur and hire the professional. This is going to make or cause a demand for the good player everywhere, and in order to secure the good player the manager must "crack a salary worthy of attention." The Negro player must be given a little more consideration in the future than he has been given in the past.

Louisville captured the climax for the Sunday games, although Cincinnati and Indianapolis were close upon her heels. The game between St. Louis and Louisville almost at the close of last season was attended by over 3,000 enthusiastic fans. In fact most every game was equally as well attended. Cleveland and Columbus reported splendid business for week days as well. Last season was remarkable, and the coming season, promising a National League, looks even better, so say sportsmen.

WANTS SUNDAY GAMES ONLY.

Thinks It Best Plan for Smaller Cities.

Covington, Ky., Feb. 5, 1908.
Sporting Editor, The Freeman:

I am pleased to see the progress the colored league is making and hope that it will be a success, and I assure you of my assistance.

There are a few things I wish to call attention to, and that is the fact that it would be better to play Sunday games only, as I think it will pay better, as the smaller cities will be dead except on Sunday, that is, as far as colored baseball in concerned, in this vicinity.

Asto salary, I would like to see a uniform list at present, as it will help the poorer teams to keep good players, for if it is a case of get any amount of salary you can, why only the old teams will have a chance at good players and the teams' managers will get dissatisfied and quit, and this will keep the league busy taking in new teams.

I know that this does not look fair to the star player, but it will keep things from being one-sided and also make the race close and hot for the pennant.

We must make the race for the pennant exciting if the league is to stand.

Yours trulqy,
GEORGE F. WINN,
Captain of the Covington Blue Birds.
Covington, Ky.

RUBE FOSTER LOSES IN CUBA.

Great Giants' Pitcher Meets Defeat at Hands of Ortega.

CHICAGO. — Special.—Rube Foster, the crack pitcher of the Leland Giants, is spending the winter in Cuba twirling for the Havana team. During a recent game on the island between the Havanas and the Almendares Rube was beaten 4 to 3, in which two home runs off the colored pitcher turned the tide of battle. In fact he was hit harder than Chicago fans are accustomed to see. Not in the number, but in the quality, and not once did the great Foster fan a batter.

He pitched against Ortega in this particular game, and, according to the Havana Daily Post, was outclassed. The crowd, 7,500, went wild when it saw the noted Chicago twirler driven out of the box. Foster had for his receiver a player named Garcia. Shortstop was anchored down by one Bustamante. Nothing could get through him.

EDMONDS MAY NOT PLAY.

Popular Football Captain Said to Be Ill.

BOSTON, Mass. — Special.— Capt. R. L. Edmonds, the well-known Negro captain of the Boston English High School football team, which won the inter-scholastic league championship and also defeated Boston Latin's crack team under his superb leadership last season, is said to be in a very poor state of health. Many of his friends think it will be more than likely that he will be unable to play next season, although it is known that he has considerable time in which to recover before the season of baseball and football comes to hand.

EHBRACES REWARD CUBANS

For Spectacular Feats in Baseball Games.

FINDLAY, O. — Special. — Grant Johnson, Findlay's colored ball player, who has been in Havana, Cuba, writes a friend here that his tea mhas won every game they have played this season, and they also captured the pennant last year. His present team is composed of native Cubans. "Cubans make excellent players," he says, "going to their work eagerly. The people there have rapidly adopted our national game and are liberal in their attendance, quick to see good points in a player, and equally alert to see the poor ones. One feature among the players, and at times an embarrassing one, is the custom of enthusiastic bleacher occupants running out and embracing the players for good plays. Cheering and clapping of hands are almost unknown there."

TO FORM EASTERN COLORED LEAGUE.

Eight Big Cities to Be in New Organization.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—Special. — The colored baseball men of this city have plans nearly completed for the organization of a national Negro baseball league, to be known as the Colored National League. A meeting will be held here next week, when it is expected that Chas. F. Miller, Jr., will be chosen president and other officers elected. It is to be an eight-club league, with teams in the following cities: Pittsburg, Chicago, New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cleveland.

BASEBALL IN VENEZUELA.

According to United States Consul Johnson of Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, the game of baseball is gaining a steady foothold in Venezuela, and bids fair to become a popular form of outdoor amusement. A game played recently in Caracas was attended by the wife of the president and many people of prominence.

TEAM SIGNS UP WITH A CHICAGO LEAGUE.

A Junior City League is the latest plan of the major City League magnates of Chicago, and at the meeting of the latter body last week a committee was appointed to arrange the organization. It is the idea that the amateur teams affiliated with the Association Baseball Clubs, which is an amalgamation of the old Inter-City and Amateur Managers' leagues, will be allowed to play on the parks of the City League in games which will be curtain raisers to the regular semi-professional games.

The City League also made a contract yesterday with N. C. Strong of New York by which the Cuban Giants of New York, the Cuban Stars of Havana, the Philadelphia Giants and the Brooklyn Royals will play at City League parks only during next summer.

Most of the teams reported as having the majority of their players signed for next season. The Spaldings, Logan Squares, the West Ends and the Leland Giants all claimed that the roster is completed. The following players have been signed:

Spaldings — McDermott, pitcher; Herman, catcher; Burton, first base; Hill, second base; Molyneaux, shortstop; Mee, thrid base; Graber, Conroy and Quigg, outfielders.

Logan Squares — Donovan, catcher; Callahan, pitcher; Hertel, first base; Campion, second base; Meinke, shortstop; McNichols, third base; Larsen, Harrison and Maloy, outfielders.

West Ends — Uckerman, catcher; Munch, pitcher; Beyer, second base; Staton, shortstop; Helgendorf, infielder; Hage, third base; Lovett, Babcock and McKee, outfielders.

Leland Giants — Booker and R. Johnson, catchers; McClelland and Foster, pitchers; Moore, first base; Harris, second base; Wright, shortstop; Talbert, third base; Winston, left field; Payne, center field; Hill, right field.

The Athletics have signed Catcher Hughes, Pitcher Roach, Second Baseman Dick McPartland and Outfielders Andrews and Brading.

Riverview has signed Teddy Opfergelt and Jack Lannon as the battery. The Marquettes have signed Oscar Knolls and Tommy Asmussen as battery.

ON SPORTING LINES.

Robert W. Marshall, the famous football player of the University of Minnesota, may soon contribute an article on athletics for Freeman readers.

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Cincinnati, Danville, Ill., Richmond, Ind., may soon enter applications in the League.

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White baseball magnates, according to the letter and inquiries, are very much interested in the League.

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Joe Gans will see about this championship squabble. "Keep steppin', Joe!"

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Frank C. Leland, promotor, took to heart failure at the last moment.

CHAMPION HAS BEEN VERY ILL.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Special.— John B. Taylor, the University of Pennsylvania intercollegiate champion quarter-miler, gave his version of why he refused to run Harry Hillman of the New York A. C., in a special 600-yard race and by such failure laid himself open to suspension.

Taylor said: "I have not been in the best of health and have only been out of the hospital a month. When I left for New York Mike Murphy told me to run in the 440-yard dash and to pull up if I felt weak, as I was not able to stand the strain in my weakened condition. In the last 150 yards of the quarter I was tired and could not do myself justice. Having had but little training, I did not recuperate at all in my dressing room, but felt all fagged out. This was because I had but little training.

"When they asked me to run against Hillman I said I could not do so, first because Murphy, who understood my condition, forbid it, and secondly because I was not able to do so.

"I ran Hillman twice in New York and all last summer tried to get him to meet me outdoors, but even when he was billed he failed to appear. On last Saturday Hillman had agreed to come to Philadelphia with the Brooklyn relay team and I was ready to meet him. He did nto come. If Harry Hillman wants another race with me he must come to Philadelphia and give the people in my own city a chance to see the race.

"It is my opinion that when the A. A. U. understands my position they will not suspend me. Certainly they would not demand a runner to compete when he is not physically able to race. Should the A. A. U. bar me, they will find many athletes will restrict themselves to a single entry for fear of a suspension.

"I am ready to run any man in the Metropolitan district here from 440 to 600 yards, when Mike Murphy says I am strong enough to train hard."

We admire Taylor's stand. If he had competed and lost, his many friends, who would have no doubt placed some heavy wagers on him, would have lost heavily. Let Mr. Hillman come to Philadelphia when John B., Jr., is in condition and he will get a race, and he can bring all of his friends with their bank rolls, and they will return with a heavy heart but a lighter pocketbook.

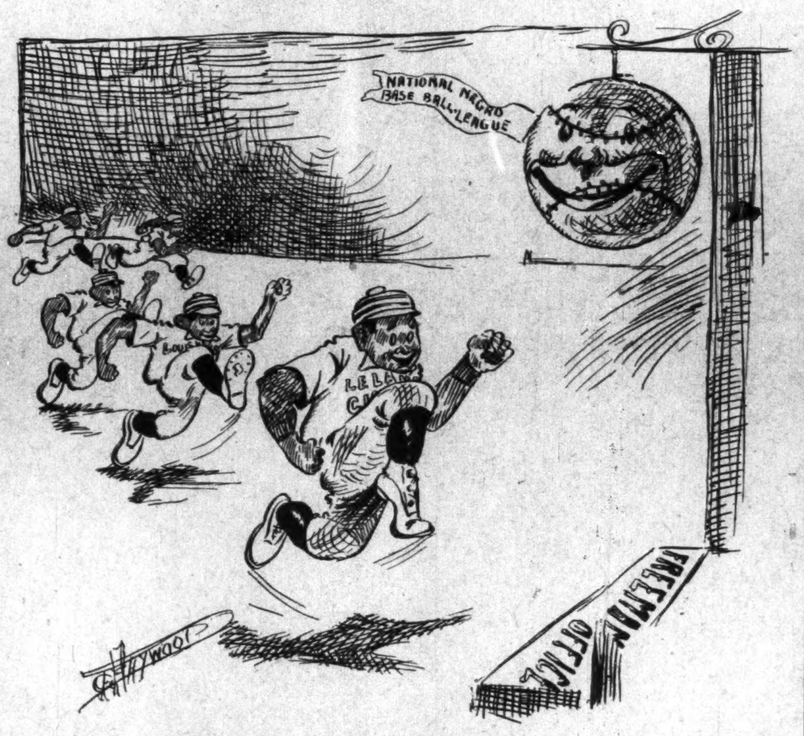
BEDFORD TEAM HAS WON A CHAMPIONSHIP.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—This city can boast of having one of the best, if not the only, Negro roller skate polo team in this part of the country. This team is known as the Bedfords and has been playing two seasons, going under the name of the Belmonts last season. They are now playing and beating the best white teams around Pittsburg, so writes Wendell P. Pierson, a correspondent of this paper. They think themselves good enough to issue a challenge to any team in the West.

The Bedfords are composed of the best roller skaters in western Pennsylvania, such as Herbert Lewis, a former Indianapolis boy. He plays first rush and is considered as good as the best. John Dougherty, the floor manager of the Bedford rink, is second rush. He has cut quite a figure here in racing circles. George Day, the captain of the team, plays center and he is less than five feet in height, but a wonder a roller polo. Robert Scott, who plays goal, has made about 500 stops at the cage this season, and is an expert at the position. Frank Keys plays half-back and is as good as the best anywhere.

It is more than likely that this game will be the rage of the West among colored athletes before another season has expired, as there seem to be some signs developing even in this city and about many of the Western towns. For several seasons the Eastern sportsmen have been catering to the game in a large way and a great deal of it has been among colored players, and slowly but surely the love for the game, among our folks, has been moving westward.

The "Safe Hit" of the Season.



The above shows the spirit in which Cartoonist Haywood thinks the base ball magnets will arrive in this city tomorrow to attend the National Colored Base Ball League of America.

An UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE LEAGUE.

Real Facts Set Down.

Since December 18, at which time the first meeting of the proposed National League of Professional Colored Baseball Teams was held at Indianapolis, Ind., Messrs. Frank C. Leland, president; William Roberts, treasurer; Edward S. Galliard, corresponding secretary; Charles Marshall, organizer, have done everything in their power to make the organization a success in a large way, and to say they have succeeded will be proven in the meeting of February 16. They have put forward every effort to make it a success and should it fail it will be no fault of these gentlemen.

Time after time the organizer has received letters that almost said, "I believe it is a fake," and he replies, "Can it be anything if you will not step in and help it to be somethng?" You should not ask who is going to attend the meeting, but come yourself. All the assurance we can give you of every one of the cities that we name being ready for a franchise and those who will attend, is by the letters we have received. Those cities who give us a promise of coming into the league and who may send representatives are: Columbus, O., Cleveland, O., Louisville, Ky., Covington, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., Nashville, Tenn.

Now the persons who have stated that they would probably attend the meeting are: Messrs. J. H. Settles and Haus, Columbus; Frank C. Leland, Chicago; R. H. Moore, Cincinnati; Edward Lancaster, Louisville; William H. Ford, Cleveland; J. W. White, Nashville; Charles W. Haggard, Covington; W. H. Wilkerson, St. Louis, and William Roberts, Indianapolis.

The meeting of February 16 at Indianapolis will mean much to every baseball owner and manager, as all plans will then be made. It must be understood, says the organizer, that no one knows what will be the fee for a franchise, as nothing but merely suggestions have been made. As to the cost of the franchise, that will be left to the body to settle. New officers will be elected by the members, even to a board of commissioners. All matters pertaining to umpires' and players' salaries, playing schedules, railroad matters, etc., will be left to the board of commissioners. Mr. Frank C. Leland, who is the originator and the most active promotor of the league, and the present president, will be asked to address the league in an advising manner. He will be asked to give the body some instructions, being a man of much experience in baseball organizations. It should be clear to every man that we can only have this organization by coming together. The Freeman is almost certain that the league can be in good running order by the middle of May if every manager will put in his appearance at the meeting and do business as men, each one taking part equally. By that trend or step a great season of baseball can come about.

WRONG DATE GIVEN.

Newspapers Make Great Mistake in Date of League Meeting.

Some one, without any authority, announced through some of the leading papers of the country the date of the second meeting as being set for January 18, which confused a good many of the owners and managers of different teams who made every arrangement for coming and would have come had they not been informed better at the last moment. We are at a loss to account for such announcement, as we did all that we could to inform every person interested of the official date set by the temporary officers. It is hoped that everything will soon be cleared up as to the understanding of such a case. We can only lay the mistake to some person who got the date of the first meeting connected with the second.

In the Failure of the League.

Should the plan of forming a league fall through in tomorrow's meeting it will not be due to the editor of these columns, for he has done everything in his power as organizer and press representative of the league. Since his appointment on December 18, 1907, he has given every spare moment toward helping the league idea toward success. Every plan suggested has been tried by him, and he has succeeded in arousing much spirit and enthusiasm in the affair. He regrets much to say that there were only two towns out of the many previously mentioned that he was able to get in the league and they were Chicago and Indianapolis. At the very last moment these two towns notified him that they would not go in.

TUSKEGEE TEAM LEAVES HOME.

The senior class basket ball team, accompanied by Mr. Wilson S. Lovett of the Business Agent's office, coach, and Mr. Cheeseman, referee, have gone to Columbus, Ga., where they play the Y. M. C. A. team this week.

WILSON MUCH INTERESTED IN SPORT.

Ward Wilson, one of the best all-round athletes of the city among colored lads, finds much hope in the future of Negro athletes in America.

"The Negro is growing really wonderful in the athletic world," says Wilson. "Why, he is cleaning up in every line of sport known. Look at Taylor for instance. Isn't he great? Just think of how we are taking to every line of sport—basket ball, polo, golf, tenis and ping pong even—and we're playing them all real well. Right here in our city we are getting anxious about a track team and an annual field day, and I intend to promote the idea before long."

SETTLES WILL BE THERE.

Mr. J. H. Settles of Columbus, O., writes that he will be at the "meeting" on the morning of the 16th, reaching the city by first train, and wants it understood that he comes to enter the Columbus Giants in the League.

JIM CORBETT ON COLOR LINE.

Jim Corbett, between the hours when he is playing the part of burglar with high social instincts, finds time now and then to discuss the decadence of the ring of the present day, and his latest diatribe has been against those fighters of the championship division who shout "color line" whenever a dangerous opponent of dusky hue sends in his challenge.

"I never could agree with the fighters who claim the right to draw the color line," said Corbett in a recent interview. "Black and white fighters are on an equal when they go into the ring. Boxers who pretend to be afraid of getting in bad with society for fighting a man of another color are not made of the right stuff. What has a fighter to lose socially? They are all put in the same class by the public, and the man who proves himself the best of the lot is called champion, and it makes no difference what the color of his opponents may be, just as long as the sports look with favor on the match. In other words, it is better to whip one Negro boxer of championship calibre than a dozen white men whom the public does not look upon as worthy of attention. The scrapper who will be hailed as champion of the world will be the fellow who puts up his money and fights every man that dares dispute his claim to the title. The public makes the champions. One might argue day and night to the contrary, but I have never known of an instance where the claims of a fighter overshadowed the opinion of the public."

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(Continued from first page.)

three weeks of the session not less than $30,000 will pass into the coffers of the business people of the locality. Mr. L. W. Bright's new Mt. Vernon Hotel, the finest in the country conducted by a colored man, has received hundreds of flattering encomiums at the hands of traveling ministers and the public, and this will be selected as the headquarters of the Bishops and principal officers of the Conference.

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The A. M. E. Zion General Conference at Philadelphia, to be held at the same time, will not be less interesting in character. In view of the financial outlook, there seems to be a disinclination to "plunge" on the Bishopric question, and it is doubtful if more than two are elected at this session. This will bring the quota up to ten, the number with which the quadrennium began. As many as six have been urged in some quarters, and the estimate has been dwindling down, until the ultra-conservatives say "two," and the most hopeful whisper "four." The safe and sane element—those who remember that four years represent a long period of church history and wish to make ample provision for future contingencies —pointn ominously to the fact that one Bishop is now practically retired through a critical illness, and another is in an enfeebled condition because of advanced age, suggest at least four, and their wisdom may finally prevail. Drs. G. L. Blackwell, M. R. Franklin, W. H. Chambers, J. B. Colbert, William Sutton, A. J. Warner, E. H. Curry and others, have been mentioned for some time in this connection,a nd now Prof. W. H. Goler, president of Livingston College, has shied his castor in the ring. If four of the present general officers are elevated to the bench, there will be several desirable plums to be distributed to the younger aspirants, and a lively contest is expected. Dr. G. C. Clement will be up for re-election as editor of the Star of Zion, in which place he has done well, but Dr. J. Harvey Anderson will give him a run for it. Dr. S. L. Corrothers, of Washington, is in the race for Bishop, and should be placed well up to the front in the foregoing list, as should also Dr. B. F. Wheeler, of Alabama. If Dr. Goler goes to the bench, it is probable that Dr. S. G. Atkins, the present secretary of education, will be favored for Livingstone. We shall have something to say later anent the availables for the minor offices. Zion is accumulating a goodly stock of young timber, through the hearty encouragement given them by Bishop Walters and Clinton, and scores are coming into this connection in preference to others, because there seems to be a greater opportunity for speedy promotion, as well as representing a field comparatively undeveloped, where new men can readily find a work in which his metal can be tested and valuable experience gained.

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The President's message to Congress last week, reiterating his policies of governmental reform, created a big sensation here, and throughout the country. Reaching the public simultaneously with the New York speech of Gov. Hughes, and covering the same ground in a more picturesque and forcible way, it completely took the wind out of the sails of the "New Richmond in the field," reducing what was intended ot be an all-absorbing national deliverance, to the limbo of the newspaper inside. The general effect of the Roosevelt pronunciamento, according to interviews with a number of prominent members of Congress, is to strengthen the President's hold upon the confidence of the masses; and since he is not to be considered for a renomination, it redounds to the benefit of Secretary Taft, to whom the President wishes to leave the administration of the program nearest his heart. The capture of the Ohio delegation by the War Secretary, his strong and illuminating public address an dthe growth of his attractice personality upon every class of citizens, are daily adding to his popularity with the nation at large. Old sores are being healed, misunderstandings are being cleared up, and the situation is rapidly crystalizing to a point where the War Secretary's nomination at Chicago seems assured. Other booms wait upon the signs that the Taft boom throws out. It unquestionably occupies the center of the political stage. The Negro is not neglecting to locate the bandwagon—be it noted parenthetically.

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A hint has been thrown out by the Washington Evening Star, which has been quite friendly to Senator Foraker on many points, to the effect that the Brownsville report is ready for submission to Congress and the President, but that it is being held back for political advantages that may accrue to those who have been leading the movement in behalf of the colored soldiers. The Star intimates that if the report comes in now, the President may suddenly absorb unto himself all the milk in the anti-administration cocoanut by taking a course favorable to the soldiers, and thus rob the "anti's" of the thundred they are saving to stir up the colored men of the South about the time the delegates to the Chicago convention are to be voted for. It is said that the Brownsville report is the Foraker "trump card," and he does not wish to play it until the psychological moment, and checkmate any "hand" the President or Secretary Taft may have up their sleeves. We shall see what we shall see. The political fight on this question is young yet.

The Dolliver bill, changing the method of administering the public schools of Washington, is up for action in Congress and will probably pass. The bill provides for a director of education at $6,000 per annum, and seven assistant directors at $3,500, two of whom shall be colored. The Board of Education is to be abolished, and the supervisors and assistant superintendents niw existing also go out. As a measure to centralize authority and to rid the town of the confusion that has been going on for several months, the bill is welcomed by many, though it is far from ideal. In the change, the Negroes will lose $4,800 per annum in salaries, besides the loss of the representation on the Board.

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Chairman T. J. Calloway, of the Negro Department of the Jamestown Exposition, is to practice law in this city at the conclusion of his labors at Norfolk. He is a graduate of the Law Department of Howard University, and has already been admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia.

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It is regarded as pretty certain that William L. Houston, the present energetic and painstaking incumbent, will be re-elected National Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., at the September meeting of the B. M. C. at Atlantic City, N. J. The order is in a prosperous condition and many new reforms have been put into practical application during Mr. Houston's administration. The new building at Philadelphia is to be a beauty and will house the general offices, and in course of time, be the headquarters of one of the race's most complete publishing and printing establishments.

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A fine portrait of Dr. Charles B. Purvis has been presented to Howard University and the formal presentation with exercises of a most interesting and historic character. Addresses eulogistic of Dr. Purvis' splendid services as Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital and as a friend of every department of the institution, were delivered by President W. P. Thirkield, Dr. Robert Reyburn, Dean of the Medical Department, and appropriate resolutions were read by Dr. W. V. Tunnell, Warden of King Hall Theological School. Dr. Purvis feelingly responded.

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An enthusiastic convention of republicans at Manila, Philippine Islands, was held recently, and the two delegates elected to the national convention were instructed for Taft. The magnificent work of the Secretary for the uplifting of the "little brown men" and the perfecting of a stable government for all in our oriental possessions, is thus fittingly recognized.

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The acquisition of the ground between the Capitol and the Treasury, south of Pennsylvania avenue.

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If the plan of the government to acquire all the land on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between the Capitol and the Treasury, goes through, it will lead to the purchase of Israel C. M. E. Church, a substantial structure of brick and stone at the foot of the Capitol, corner 1st and Maryland avenue S. W. This edifice has quite an unique history and is a landmark of more than ordinary interest. It is estimated to be worth not less than $60,00.

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"Douglass Day" will be very generally observed in Washington on the 14th. The Pen and Pencil Club will have its annual dinner; the local chapter of the Niagara Movement will hold a meeting at 19th Street Baptist Church, with Bishop Alexander Walters, Mrs. Grace W. Clifford, Congressman Frank W. Cushman, of Washington State, and Lawyer G. W. Crawford, of New Haven, Conn., as speakers; ther ewill be special exercises in the public schools, and Mr. W. H. C. Brown is chairman of a committee to arrange a subscription dinner on the 13th in honor of both Lincoln and Douglass. On the evening of the 12th, Lawyer R. R. Horner, member of the Board of Education, will deliver an address before Bethel Literary on "Lincoln and Douglass."

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Dr. W. P. Thirkield, the very practical president of Howard University, has made an investigation of facts and figures concerning medical colleges and the proportion of doctors to the population in a number of States, which reveals some interesting conditions,a nd offers a valuable study for young physicians who are in quest of a location where the greatest chances of subbess are likely to be had.

"There are in the United States as a whole," says Dr. Thirkield, "one doctor to every 636 people, without taking into account the irregulars of all kinds. The State having the largest proportion are as follows: District of Columbia, 1 to 258; Oklahoma, 1 to 284; Colorado, 1 to 351; California, 1 to 388; Vermont, 1 to 521; Washington, 1 to 516; Indiana, 1 to 518; Missouri, 1 to 531; Ohio, 1 to 544; Illinois, 1 to 521.

The States having the least proportion are: South Carolina, 1 to 1,346; North Carolina, 1 to 1,219; Virginia, 1 to 936; Utah, 1 to 908; Minnesota, 1 to 943; Mississippi, 1 to 878; New Jersey, 1 to 872; Wisconsin, 1 to 897; Alabama, 1 to 891; Florida, 1 to 869.

There are 157 medical colleges in the United States, of which six are colored, the remainder white. As there are in round numbers 70,000,000 white and 10,000,000 colored citizens, this would give in round numbers, one college to a half-million whites, and one to a million and a half blacks—or three times as many colleges for whites as blacks proportionately. Not one colored medical school is endowed.

Howard University School of Medicine, with its honorable history, its record of successful work, its body of alumni of over one thousand, its noble building, with its scientific equipment, together with the new hospital costing half am illion dollars and giving as fine clinical facilities as any medical school has in the nation, stands at the forefront of all schools available for colored students.

It would appear that a young colored physician, wishing to go where he could do the most good for himself and his people, would find his golden opportunity in the Southland, where doctors are few and far between.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and corresponding secretary of the National Negro Business League, has been in the city this week, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis. Tuesday evening he addressed a special meeting of the local league in connection with Bethel Literary and Historical Association, and extended fraternal greetings of the national organization, after which he was banquetted at Murray's by the local league, of which Architect John A. Lankford is president. Mr. Scott is enjoying good health and has fully recovered from the effects of his recent operation for

The Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. Church did itself proud in electing Rev. A. L. Gaines as a delegate to the General Conference at Norfolk, and the General Conference will, without doubt, honor Dr. Gaines and itself by placing him in the sanctum sanctorum of the Christian Recorder, a post for which he is by experience and a natural endowment, pre-eminently fitted. Perhaps connectional interests to the General Conference more than in the election in the Baltimore Conference. This is due to several reasons, among which may be mentioned the great number of able men in the conference, from which to select, because of the great number of prominent charges clustering in the vicinity, and also the unusually large number of men in that conference aspiring to connectional honors. In keeping with its past record, the Baltimore Conference has selected a strong delegation, and its influence will be felt most potently on the floor of the General Conference.

More than ordinary interest was attached to the election of Dr. Gaines, as it is generally regarded that his election as editor of the Christian Recorder is practically assured. Having received 104 votes for that position in 1904, it is reasonable to suppose that he would have been chosen at Chicago, had the General Conference of that year decided for more Bishops and promoted Dr. H. T. Johnson. It is now fair to presume that the intention of four years ago will now be crystalized into a reality, and that Dr. Gaines will be made Dr. Johnson's successor. Dr. Gaines is a native of Georgia and began his ministry in that State. He served five years in the North Georgia Conference. Being transferred to Virginia by Bishop Grant, he served four years as pastor of St. John's at Norfolk; four years at Emanuel Church at Portsmouth, and three years as presiding elder of the Norfolk District, after which he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and stationed at Bethel Church, Baltimore, where he is closing his fifth year, under very favorable auspices.

At his first charge, Rutland, Ga., Dr. Gaines began a career that has been marked by an unbroken line of successes. There he built a new church where there was none; at St. James, Atlanta, he remodeled and renovated the church; at St. John's, Norfolk, he reduced the indebtedness and conducted a revival which increased the membership of St. John's from 1,100 to 1,600 and raised the dollar money report from $212 to $400; at Emanuel Church, Portsmouth, the church and parsonage were renovated; as presiding elder of the Norfolk District, the general interests of the church were admirably protected; at Bethel Church, Baltimore, the Old Folks' Home has been cleared from all debt by Dr. Gaine's painstaking financiering and which stands as a credit to Baltimore African Methodism. Dr. Gaines was secretary of the Church extension Board for eight years and is now a member of the Sunday School Board. The fraternal address delivered by Dr. Gaines before the General Conference of the C. M. E. Church at Memphis, Tenn., in 1906, is acknowledged to be among the best ever heard on such an occasion. In the "Voice of the People," Bishop Turner said of the address:

"In this issue of our paper will be found the great and far-reaching address of Dr. A. L. Gaines, of Baltimore, delivered before the Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Much could be said of its lelarning and its elocutionary style and presentation, but we will simply say it will pay our ministers especially to read it. It contains information which will assist them in preaching and in religious addresses. Dr. Gaines has put the gate ajar that leads to promotion, and if he continues, his elevation is assured."

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Recorder of Deeds John C. Dancy was the principal orator at the Race Conference held recently at Columbus, S. C., under the direction of Rev. Richard Carroll. About fifteen hundred farmers, ministers, teachers, industrial workers and business men from all parts of the State were in attendence, and resolutions were adopted, suggesting means by which the agricultural production might be enlarged, longer terms for schools be procured, better wages granted to skilled mechanics, as well as how there may be propagated a higher social and religious life in the rural districts of South Carolina and the South in general. At the request of the body Mr. Danoy presided, and the appreciative delegates were not slow to give evidence of their pride in having so distinguished a member of their race to supervise their deliberations. Several attempts were made to inject politics into the proceedings, but Chairman Dancy held the convention rigidly to the printed program and peremptorily rules out everything of a political nature. The Columbia Daily News printed a full report of the series of meetings and says the people of the town, white and colored, were "carried away" with the sanity and solid substance contained in Mr. Dancy's felicitous address. At the last conference, Dr. Booker T. Washington was the speaker. The next conference will be held in November in connection with the first annual Afro-American State Fair of South Carolina.

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The death of Capt. C. W. Keatts, a prominent business man of Little Rock, Ark., is regretted by the country at large. He passed away January 17, after a protracted illness, leaving a mother and wife and a host of friends of both races to mourn his loss. Capt. Keatts was National Grand Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars of America, and was one of the wealthiesta nd most highly respected colored men in the South. He has filled numerous offices of trust and responsibility, and some years ago appointed receiver of the Little oRck Traction and Electric Company, giving a bond for $40,000,a nd winding up the affairs of the corporation with eminent satisfaction. W. M. Alexander, who was elected National Aaronic Grand Master of the Order at Pine Bluff in 1906, succeeds Capt. Keatts as National Grand Master.

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Senator Tillman is again urging the repeal of the 15th Amendment. He fears that the increased education of the Negroes will soon render thousands of Negroes eligible to the ballot in the South, and it will be impossible to keep them from controlling by force of intelligence and numbers. He sees no way for the whites to maintain their supremacy except by robbing the Negro of suffrage and keeping him entirely out of the po-

The Haitan Revolution was a little "pop-gun" affair and ended as ingloriously as it began, but it served to bring into very favorable notice our capable Minister at Port-au-Prince. Dr. H. W. Furniss, of Indiana, one of the best posted men in the diplomatic corps, and Dr. L. W. Livingston, of Florida, the alert United States Consul at Cape Haitien.

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Dr. George R. Parkin, of London, England, who is in charge of the arrangements for examing applicants for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, is in the city. The election of students is to be completed by April 15. There are at present 160 Rhoades scholarships at Oxford, but it will be several years before the limit is reached and the field is open to the world, regardless of color or nationality. It will be remembered that one colored young man, Alan LeRoy Locke, of Pennsylvania, captured one of the prizes last year, and Dr. Parkin reports he is "making good" at England's historic seat of learning.

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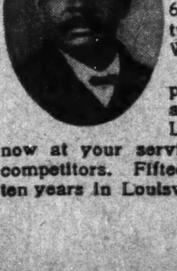

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Rachel Johnson died at the City Hospital Monday morning.

Rev. Franklin in N. Senate avenue who has been quite ill, is improving.

Clarence Toliver and Miss Rosa Crooms were married Tuesday night.

Bishop J. H. Vincent will occupy the pulpit at Simpson Chapel tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Mr. George P. Stewart and daughter, Joyce, spent several days in Vincennes, Ind., this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon will entertain the Woman's Club at Flanner Guild Monday afternoon.

Mr. Charles H. Cook was called to Kentucky last Monday to attend the burial of his mother.

The program at Flanner Guild tomorrow will be rendered by the graduates of McCoy school.

Rev. J. S. Bailey, of Simpson Chapel went to Cincinnati Wednesday in the interest of the church.

Mrs. Maude Shelton fell and broke her ankle shortly after her arrival here from Chicago, Sunday.

Miss Emma Garrett has returned to her home in Sandusky, O., after spending a few weeks in the city.

Mrs. Lottie Caldwell-Walker, bookkeeper for The Recorder, is able to be out after a two weeks' illness.

The Progressive Club meets Thursday with Mrs. Stella Roach in Fayette street The program will be "Current Topics."

The Knights of Chivalry, formerly the Young Men's Independent Club, will give a dance at Odd Fellows Hall February 21.

Ben Young, the clarionetist who has been spending several months in New York, is in the city the guest of his mother Mrs. Anna Bowman.

Mrs. Mollie Smith, mother of Mr. Harry Wyatt, died at her home in Missouri street Friday afternoon. The funeral services took place at Mt. Peran Baptist church Monday afternoon.

There will be Allen's Day exercises at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow at Allen Chapel A good program will be rendered by the choir. Sunday school at 2 p. m. and regular morning services at 11 o'clock.

George Washington will be impersonated by Hon. G. L. Knox and Martha Washington by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, with the cabinet members and their wives at Simpson Chapel Friday evening February 21.

Messrs Ray Davis and Harry Jackson will entertain the Zigilantes and friends at the latters home in honor of Benjiman Martin and Sylvester Duvall members of the January, '08 classes of Manual Training and Shortridge High Schools repectively.

A grand leap year musical and literary entertainment will be given at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church Wednesday evening February 26 under auspices of the Darcus Circle. Mrs. Lula Roberts, president; Mrs. Mayme Haskins, secretary; W. J. Burdine, manager.

Mrs. Dolly Lewis, ihe evangelist passed through the city Tuesday night en route from Cleveland, O., to Jeffersonville, Ind., where she will assist the Rev W. C. Statesman in revival services. While in Cleveland she assisted the Rev. Sissle in a very successful meeting, there being 85 conversions.

The Indianapolis District Convention of the National Colored Temperance League will meet at Flanner Guild Monday night, February 17 at 8 o'clock Rev. C. W. McColl, the National president, will preside and speeches will be made by several strong temperance men and women. The public is cordially invited.

The Y. C. W. P. A. will hold Vesper services at the True Reformer's Hall at 4 o'clock sharp tomorrow. The following program will be given: "Welcome," Y. C. W. P. A., orchestra; selection; Choral Club; responsive reading; chant, musical recitation, Miss Walker; selection, Y. C. W. P. A. Juniors; offertory; chorus, Choral Club; Mizpah.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes

The "Monster Meeting" will be held in Bethel A. M. E. church on next Sunday when a strong talk is expected from Rev. F. E. Higgins from the lumber camps of Minnesota, who is commonly known as the "lumber jack" or "sky pilot." This meeting will be of especial interest to men as Rev. Higgins is a splendid talker to men. He is coming to Indianapolis to participate in the big home coming missionary campaign in the Presbyterian churches. The doors open promptly at 3 p. m. just as the program begins. All men irrespective of church affiliation are invited to be present. Dr. O. W. Langston will give a talk on "The Care of the Teeth" on Tuesday evning before the Bible Study Club.

The Douglass Memorial.

That the Douglass Memorial will be a huge success is already assured. Letters of acceptance from various orders are being received daily by the general secretary. Already a large number of seats have been reserved by the lady organizations who are going to be present. The committee wishes to impress upon all lady organizations that the seats reserved for them will only be held until 2:45, and that requests for seats must be made at the Colored Y. M. C. A. rooms before Feb. 22d. All male organizations are invited to join in the parade, which will form at Indiana avenue and North street at 1:30, arriving at Tomlinson hall at 2:45 p. m. The lower floor will be reserved for the men in parade and the different male organizations; the first balcony for the lady organizations, and the second balcony will be thrown open to the public. The ministers of the city and one representative from each lodge and society are expected to take seats on the platform.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, Dean of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., will be the orator of the day, and a magnificent address is assured.

PARIS, KY.

Persons desiring to take The Freeman, or having news items for same, call or leave orders at Miller and Huffman's cafe, corner Eighth and Main streets...Mr. Geo. Robinson, the ice man of Pearl street, is recovering after a stubborn attack of lagrippe...This being leap year, the girls are not idle...Willie Baker, the popular young barber on Main street, should engage the services of a private secretary t assist in addressing those valentines...Miss May Hock is at the head of a committee that is preparing for a leap year social. Miss Hock's name at the head guarantees this to be the swellest affair of the season...Jas. Connelly, one of Bourbon County's foremost turfmen, also a prominent business man, is an enthusiastic reader of The Freeman...For race news try The Freeman, on sale every Saturday at Miller and Huffman's cafe, 5 cents per copy...Mr. Walton Spears, the head clerk for Brown's large grocery store in Clayville, will be glad to welcome his many friends. Good luck to you, Walton. We miss you off of Main street...Mr. Barfield of Mr. Freeman's efficient force of barbers, made a trip to Synthiana last Sunday evening...Albert Miller of the firm of Miller and Huffman leaves for Hot Springs, Ark., March 1 for the benefit of his health...J. Richardson, the popular Claysville grocer, carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries...Patronize race industry. ...Read The Freeman. Get it from your agent, corner Eighth and Main street...Lucian Johnson, proprietor of the Eureka skating rink, deserves much credit. In so short a time he now has a class of fancy skaters second t none in the State...David Miller sends regards to Messrs. Cole and Johnson, Prof. Williams and Sam Lucas.

TRINITY PARK AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

Thursday night of last week a number of enterprising citizens of Dallas met in the law office of A. S. Wells, on Jackson street, and effected an organization known as the Trinity Park Amusement Company. The meeting was characterized by harmony and an all-pervading spirit of good feeling and an interest generally in the upbuilding of Dallas, with an eye single to the support and maintenance of a permanent place of amusement and pleasure for colored people. The organization was perfected with the following officers, viz.: Capt. Wm. Humphrey, president; H. J. (Square) Jackson, vice-president; W. E. King, secretary; Dr. F. A. Bryan, treasurer; Thos. Walker, general manager. Board of directors: S. R. Johnson, chairman; A. D. Hancock, secretary; A. S. Wells, Capt. J. G. Griffin, Dr. B. R. Bluitt, E. G. Williams, W. E. Ewing, Thos. Walker, W. E. King.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The political fever is very high in this city. The colored voters are indorsing Senator Foraker regardless of whom the convention indorses, on account of the principles shown by Mr. Foraker as a square dealer of the law, regardless of race or color. Vice President Fairbanks is the second choice of our people here. ...M. C. Dunbar, the barber, running one of the finest up-to-date shope in the city, has purchased a $6,000 building on Franklin street next door to the Clarksville National Bank. Mr. Dunbar has won for himself the honor of being Clarksville's second barber to purchase a building for a barber shop on said street, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buck being the first to do so a half a century ago at the same price...Our pastors, both Baptist and Methodist, have formed a great church union in this city, of which we hope much good will result in the future...The Republicans held their county convention here last Thursday. N. Dixon was elected chairman...Dr. C. A. Kelly is out again from an attack of lagrippe. His friends are glad to see him back on duty...Martin Proudy is confined at home with pneumonia...Chas. Hunter is confined at home with pneumonia... Mrs. J. M. Hudson is recovering from a recent illness...Miss Flosia Rogers is very sick at her home on Celoge street...Major Brown and C. Wilcox are sick at their homes on Celoge street...Mrs. Emma Proudy has roceevred from the operation performed on her at Dr. Burt's infirmary...George Kimbrouger has recovered from a severe attack of fever...Sam Garnet is confined at his home with lagrippe...Tom Trice of Providence, a suburban town, was found frozen to death in bed last Thursday morning. His age was against him for such weather, as last Thursday night gave us zero weather. Mr. Trice had the honor of being the oldest colored Odd Fellow in this section. He was a charter member of the Silver Lake Lodge of Providence...Mrs. Nicie Oakley and son, the wife and son of Freeman Oakley, whose death was mentioned in our last issue, are ill at their home with pneumonia...Mrs. S. A. Dabney is confined at her home with lagrippe...Mrs. Geo. Boyd is confined at her home with lagrippe. ...Wm. Nubie, the old reliable porter at the L. & N. Passenger Depot, found a purse containing over six hundred dollars and returned it to its owner, a white man, and didn't get as much as thank you.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

The following persons are ill: The child of Mrs. Frank Myers, with the mumps; Mrs. Louis Herendon, two children of Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mrs. Clara Edwards, Mrs. Elizabeth Damons, Samuel Abbington, Ed. Wright, the little child of Mrs. Lena Redding with lagrippe, and B. Redding...Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Haithman of South Diamond street, a fine son...The Sweet Sixteen Club met recently with Miss Zora Pierson on South Clay avenue...Miss Carrie Ogsby is now taking violin lessons and getting along nicely. Prof. White is her teacher...Mrs. Medora Bryant of South Lurton street lost a valuable cow...Mr. James Redding left recently for a visit with friends in Lawrence, Mo...Mr. John Douglas is visiting friends in St. Louis, Mo..."The Minister," given recently at the K. of P. Hall, was largely attended and a success...The Mallory brothers are still doing a good real estate business...Rev. Henry Harvey of Hannibal, Mo., has done a great work at the Second Christian Church...Miss Nora Taylor of Missouri is now holding revival meetings at the A. M. E. church...Mrs. Mattie Black had the misfortune rerecently to mash her hand, which is very painful...Cincent Sims is one of the finest table waiters in town... Mrs. Elizabeth Branum and son, who have been visiting Mrs. Branum's mother, have returned to their home in Chicago, Ill...Lucile and Edith Stewart have been very ill at their home...Mr. and Mrs. Abner Turner and children left recently for Michigan, where they will reside...Mrs. Louise Gray is now living on South Ebey street...The revival meetings at the Bethel A. M. E. Church are progressing nicely.

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DIVORCE.

Henry Wilson vs. Mattie Wilson. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 16,553.

Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 27th day of January, 1908, the above named plaintiff by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Mattie Wilson and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk s office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Mattie Wilson, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 26th day of March, 1908.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her, and that unless she appcar and and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 26th day of March, 1908, the same being the 22d judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in March, 1908, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

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